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What Career are you in, and what sort of things does this entail?

I work in the Film Industry. Currently working at Industrial Light & Magic as a VFX Production Coordinator working on the visual effects for blockbuster films like the latest Marvel / Star Wars etc.

What inspired you to go into your chosen career?

Media Studies at Malbank definitely helped. I transferred high schools in year 9 and never had the option at my old school to delve into my passion for film making, so being able to choose this as a GCSE option was fantastic and I've never looked back!

What advice would you give to anyone interested in working in your career area?

The film industry can be brutal, especially when trying to get a door open for yourself, but never give up and never undersell yourself. If you're really passionate about something, it'll be obvious to the people/universities you apply to/reach out to.

What do you know now, that you wish you'd known when you were leaving Malbank?

It's never too early to get work experience in the career of your choosing, and never be too scared to email big companies asking for internships. I only started doing that once I was in college and scrambled trying to get experience to put on my UCAS application. Quickly realised I should have started reaching out to local radio / tv / film companies earlier.

If you would like to get in touch with Matt to find out more about careers like this, please contact Mr Batty in the Sixth Form Office, or via Teams