



Jake Woolgar, 1997

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

I'm a Chartered Building Surveyor and own a business with Architects, Surveyors and Project Managers. My role involves managing 40 staff, investigating building failures, designing repairs for buildings and giving advice to building owners about their property and how to improve them. I did this in the UK for a couple of years before moving to South East Asia and New Zealand since 2006.

What inspired you to go into your chosen career?

Partly Malbank but more the old buildings on Welsh Row that I would walk passed every day on my way to and from school.

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

Study the right subjects. Art is important for architecture, maths and physics are useful for engineering and surveying. Choose the right degree at an accredited university.

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

I didn't realise what I wanted to do as a career until I started looking at uni prospectuses. I wish I knew more about career options probably before year 11 so that I could have chosen my A-level subjects more carefully. I would probably have done art and got more directly into Architecture,

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