



# *Jamie Bridgett, 2005*

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

Freight Train Driver

## **What inspired you to go into your chosen career?**

I worked for around 7 years in the food and hospitality industry after leaving sixth form. But the hours and pay weren't satisfactory. So I embarked on a career on the railway. After around 10 years of doing various roles in the same company I got the chance to get the job I wanted and have just completed a conversion course to allow me to drive trains from Crewe to London.

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

Usually it's harder to start on the railway until you are 21 years old. That said, there are apprenticeship positions from 18 I believe. If heading to college, try for something in engineering. This will open many career paths in the rail industry. If your goal like mine is to become a Train driver, don't give up! It takes a lot of psychometric testing and interviews to get there, but it's worth it in the end.

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

Push yourself in education, I wasted a lot of time outside of school with friends not doing a lot really. Of course go to parties or gatherings but try and dedicate a few days a week to staying in and revision. I didn't get the grades in year 11 I should have due to the fact I thought I had enough natural ability. Luckily I put this right in sixth form.

***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***