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

I am a planner for a medium sized construction company. I have worked on a large variety of projects across the UK, from £100k school extensions to £90m Nuclear Evaporators. I work out how to build buildings, how long it will take and the equipment/ resources needed.

What inspired you to go into your chosen career?

I always had an interest in construction but it wasn't until I got to Malbank 6th Form I found out there are many professional career opportunities and lots of Construction related degrees available. Prior to 6th Form I thought I would pursue a career in accountancy but after an extended work experience in the summer prior to 6th Form I realised it wasn't for me, so I was starting from scratch when I started 6th Form.

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

Use various online construction career information resources, such as CITB. Look at the websites and social media feeds from the leading construction companies such as Caddick , ISG, Lend Lease, Laing O'Rourke, Seddon. Even in the current economy there is a huge shortage of professional, technical, engineering and trade skills. As well as degree entry there are many excellent apprenticeship schemes for trade and professional careers. Construction is hugely digital now with many advanced technologies, creating new roles.

A great introduction would be a good work experience placement to see the great variety of careers available.

Women in Construction is another good resource.

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

Follow what interests you and what you enjoy. If you enjoy what you do you will have a happy successful life.

If your first career choice doesn't work out you are young enough to do something else.

Follow your passion, no matter how unconventional that may be.

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