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

I'm a scientist working on climate change for a government department. My job is to help the government achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. I focus primarily on the role that nature can play in reducing atmospheric carbon dioxide and methane.

What inspired you to go into your chosen career?

I decided I wanted to study environmental sciences at university after going on an expedition to Costa Rica in 2008 with Outlook Expeditions. They came and did a presentation in a year 11 assembly and I signed up.

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

Extra curricular experience is important, sign up to do conservation work, volunteer with a local wildlife charity etc.

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

Grades are a big part of it but if thinking about higher education (undergraduate degree, PhD etc) other things are important too, such as determination, ambition and other experiences outside of your study.

Also if something isn't working out for you don't be afraid to make a change, whether that be to a different course or a job.

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