

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

I work in higher education, as director of student and library services. This involves leading a team of 200 deliver support to students. The team look after the university libraries, counselling and wellbeing, study skills, disability support, careers and employability, student enterprise and a whole load more stuff. My job mainly entails meetings and contributing to the way the university is run

What inspired you to go into your chosen career?

Ha, desperation! I got to the end of a history degree and knew I didn't want to be a teacher so decided to do a year working as a graduate trainee in a university library. I fell on my feet and did a Masters in librarianship, 20 odd years later I'm still doing it

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

It's not about reading books! Librarians need customer service, technical, data and other specialist skills.

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

Your career changes all the time even if you stay in the same field

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