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

After leaving Malbank, I did an electrical apprenticeship, which led me to starting my own business for several years, then took the decision to change direction in electrical/Mechanical maintenance, after working my way up to maintenance manager for a variety of companies including retail shopping centres, I now manage electrical services at Staffordshire University.

What inspired you to go into your chosen career?

I chose my career due to spending a week on work experience at the company that offered me an apprenticeship once I left malbank.

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

An apprenticeship is most definitely the best way to start or even doing a course at a college as from there the collage can link with companies looking for electricians. To present I have help 4 apprentices get into employment and all are doing really well.

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

If you have a idea of what you want to do for a career that look into what paths there are, there are a lot me nowadays and the support for this there. If you want to do something work and keep focused and it can be achieved.

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