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

UK & Global Security management for Bentley Motors LTD. All of aspects of security within the automotive industry including site security, overseas event protection and risk analysis.

What inspired you to go into your chosen career?

After leaving the Armed forces which has more of a link to Malbank as my former teacher Mr Cowen was very supportive as he got me in touch with the careers office, invited a former pupil who was a serving soldier to come in an talk to me, which I found very inspiring and Mrs Simms also wrote me a glowing reference after a difficult time losing my father to suicide in 1994. I actually just fell into my current career by chance. Right place at the right time I suppose.

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

Try to not to say “no” always look at finding a safe, secure solution to achieve the goal from your customer.

Always refer to all people as sir, madam or ma’am when introducing yourself and always ask how you can be of a assistance or how you can help them.

Don’t take yourself too seriously. Life is too short. Be kind, have fun and try to give yourself a chance to love what you do by finding your own path.

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

At 11/13 I thought I knew everything and i was only interested in things that I liked not what I knew would make my career or life any better. You are always learning and you have to go out of comfort zone to achieve things by doing the things you do not want to do to grow. If I had applied this mindset at school I now know that although I have achieved a lot I could have had far more opportunities when I left school.

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