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

I am a Senior Lecturer in Social Work at the University of Chester. I teach on the Social Work degree programmes.

What inspired you to go into your chosen career?

Mr Cornwell (my old Form Tutor) had some conversations with me which inspired me to think about my strengths and skills and push myself. I have always been a "people person" and was interested in Social Work from Sixth Form. I qualified as a Social Worker in 2007 and have had a very exciting career since, taking me all over the UK and eventually leading me into academia.

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

Do your research, make sure you know what the role entails because it is hard. Take as many opportunities to shadow people and learn as you much as can. Never stop learning and reflecting!

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

I wish I'd known what I was capable of as I wasn't very confident. However, I think that the journey of learning, growing and developing is important and all of those experiences have lead me to where I am now. Believe in yourself and work hard. It really does pay off!

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