

Engineering sector

Damian Brookes

Is studying BSc (Hons) Automotive Design Technology at SHU.

Damian would like to work in the automotive industry in computer aided design or mechanical technology.

What are you studying?

BSc (Hons) Automotive Design Technology (second year).

What do you think of your course?

I am thoroughly enjoying it. All the students get along and create a positive working environment. There are a wide variety of subjects covered and therefore it doesn't become boring.

What were you doing before this?

I did a BTEC National Diploma, Light Vehicle Repair and Technology, Chesterfield College, Derbyshire.



When did you first consider higher education?

Higher Futures opened windows in which I thought weren't even there. I had no intentions of going to University and coming from a BTEC, I didn't think that I had the correct qualifications anyway. Higher Futures kept delivering information relevant to the overcoming the concerns I had, and after helping me through the application process and answering any questions, I was on my way to University.

What were your concerns about starting a higher education course?

I was worried that with my weakness in maths I would fall, I later found that extra help was available to ensure I achieved my best. I thought that A-level students would have an advantage over but when I started I soon realised we were all in the same situation and everybody was thinking the same.

What will you use your qualification for?

I will hopefully use my degree for jobs ranging from Computer aided design to Mechanical Technology within the automotive industry.

What advice would you give to others considering higher education?

University is a lifetime experience. Higher education is definitely not out of your reach and there are so many more job opportunities when you have a degree. Meeting so many new people and making new friends is amazing.

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