

## 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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