

WOODFARM HIGH SCHOOL DYW

Former Pupils share their journey to success....

David

British Airways



I left Woodfarm in 2018 after completing Higher and Advanced Higher qualifications. I was a head prefect and tried to get involved in as many extra-curricular activities as possible as it shows eagerness and that you are proactive which shines through in interviews and CV's. In my last year of school I applied for university and received a mixture of unconditional and conditional offers. I kept my head down for the rest of the year and tried to get the grades for the conditional offers from university. I started off at university and about a week in I had a gut feeling it wasn't for me, but I decided to stay to see if it grew on me. At this point I was offered a job working at Glasgow Airport as a ground handler, this allowed me to develop vital skills and knowledge of working in aviation. Working at the airport made me realise that I wanted a job where I could learn on the job. This is when I decided to quit university and seek an apprenticeship. I applied for the British Airways engineering apprenticeship. This involved submitting a CV and application form, several interviews and aptitude testing. After all the effort, I was relieved to receive a phone call from BA offering me the job. From there on I haven't looked back, the opportunities that British Airways have provided me with are amazing, with more adventures within the company planned in the near future. I have had the opportunity to gain experience working with a world class engineering team and learning from some of the most experienced engineers within the company. Along with experience I have developed many skills that are essential in the world of work such as communication, Numeracy, Leadership, Organisation and many more.

Not everyone stays in school until S6, not everyone goes to university, and not everyone finds themselves in their dream job straight away. Success looks different for everyone!

Everyone's journey in life, learning and work is unique to them.



Fraser

Carpenter and Joiner



Well school wasn't for me I hated it as I am severely dyslexic but I found my calling in wood work in Mr Oliver's class ! He encouraged me to follow a career in joinery and that's exactly what I did, I got a modern apprenticeship with Taylor Wimpey house builders which was the best possible thing for me as its hands on experience on site, working with experienced tradesmen . Also going to college to learn skills I wouldn't get the chance to on site as it's just such a diverse trade ,this is why i love it . There are days I can be building the house walls and up on the roof or I can be installing staircases and doors in a finished house no day is the same !

The apprenticeship its self is four years, 1st and 2nd year I was on site for two weeks then college for two weeks and so on. 3rd and 4th year was all site based to pick up speed and confidence. At the end of my four years I was a fully qualified joiner/carpenter and received my certification and was given my own site to work on .

I will have been qualified for two years this coming August but I now have my very own apprentice to teach and train! that in its self is an achievement to be given such a responsibility so early on in my career. I would recommend this career as You earn while you learn and after your qualified the possibilities are endless to work around the world.

I could never settle for a office job id rather build them instead!

Apprenticeship

You can study for an Apprenticeship whilst still at school (Foundation) or full time (Modern). Studying an Apprenticeship allows you to learn skills and gain a qualification on the job whilst getting paid.

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<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Woodfarm/developing-the-young-workforce-dyw/>