



LIFE AFTER TANFIELD

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PUPIL AT TANFIELD FROM 2000 TO 2005

MY LIFE AFTER LEAVING TANFIELD

After leaving Tanfield, I got a part-time job as a Merchandise Associate at BHS in the Metro Centre to fund my time at college as I didn't meet the criteria to claim EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance). I did a First Diploma in Aerospace Engineering from 2005 to 2006 for which I passed and moved onto the City & Guilds 2330 Electrical Installation from 2006 to 2007. I passed that too.

Passing the 2330 got me an apprenticeship at the Drum Industrial Estate in Chester Le Street in 2008. It was then when I left my part time job at BHS so I could concentrate fully on my apprenticeship. The apprenticeship took me to work onsite at the Nestle factory in Fawdon, Newcastle which I enjoyed going to.

Unfortunately, I was made redundant from the apprenticeship and the economy hit a very hard time due to the financial recession. So with the help of the job centre I went to Finchale College in Durham which is a specialist for people with physical and mental disabilities. I studied Cisco IT Essentials and COMP TIA A+ courses there to become an IT Support Technician. I passed my courses there and got a job as an IT Support Technician on the 5th October 2009.

I worked as an IT Support Technician to around February 2012 and on the 12th March 2012 I got a job as a Production Operator for a company called Nusurgix with the help of Remploy at the Number One Industrial Estate in Consett.

I was very happy at Nusurgix and I worked there for 2 years before the company was bought out by Rocket Medical and I was transferred to the Rocket Medical factory in 2014. I was still employed so my contract to work carried over.

From January 2022 to present I am still working at Rocket Medical but I have been promoted to Inspection and Measurement Technician so I inspect and record what goods come to the factory on a daily basis.

Outside of work I became an official home owner on the 24th June 2019 when the solicitor stuff officially went through. It's one of the things I got told by the doctors when I was younger that I would never be able to do, which is to live independently.

I was also told that I would:

Never drive a car – I passed my test on the 5th September 2008

Never have a full-time job – I have been in full time employment since 2012

Live independently – I have since 2019

Play a musical instrument – I can play Sk8er Boi by Avril Lavigne which I achieved on the 6th May 2022.

Travel Independently – I went with a friend younger than me to Tokyo, Japan in 2017.

Don't let anything stop you from believing in yourself. It's your life to make so make something beautiful.