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Employment

I am a transport analyst for Transport for London. I use computer models to understand how people get around London and how they may do so in the future. I work on ideas for new transport infrastructure projects such as lines and extensions

What do you love most about your job?
The scale of London and the complexities the transport network and its population create. I am often trying to solve problems that I do not even know exist yet and prepare the city for the 2050s and beyond.

What is the hardest part of your job?
Being under constant scrutiny from the press and the public. If anything ever goes wrong with transport you become the first to blame yet it is taken for granted at other times.

Education

I attended Audenshaw School from 2004 to 2011.
After GCSEs, I did A Levels in Physics, Maths, Geography and Music. My favourite subject was Physics. I enjoyed trying to understand why the world around us behaves the way it does.

University / College / Training - I went to the University of Exeter & University of Wollongong, Australia (Physics with Australian Studies). I then completed a Masters at University College London

What are your top three tips for current students?
1. It is unlikely you will find what you want to do right away

2. Never shy away from promoting new ideas and ways of working, the workplace can seem a daunting place with plenty of older exerienced people who sometimes are set in their ways particularly when the world is changing so quickly

3. Make sure you get enjoyment from what you do and it balances well with your life. The start of a career should complement your other life goals and not overtake them.

What is your favourite memory of Audenshaw?
Helping to organise the Christmas dinners for local elderly residents.