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Wasn't doing as well at school as I should have



Then got teacher who really helped me get maths, and so other things like science fell into place.



Careers Advice was to consider teaching, but decided this wasn't for me.



Then I found out about Engineering!



My career has spanned a number of different areas (automotive, electronic, mechanical engineering, production engineering and quality engineering)... and I'm still loving it

Several reasons why I want to work with children and encourage them into careers in science and engineering.

Firstly I love being an engineer. I love the variety of work and the challenges and opportunities which are available

Secondly, we generally need more and better engineers and scientists to help us to grow, to find new ways to tackle the issues we are faced with, e.g. as natural resources (oil) runs out what are the alternatives?

Thirdly, it is difficult for teachers to "sell" the idea of careers in areas like science and engineering as they won't necessarily have experienced it - it will help to get young people interested to see what it can be like from real life experience.

Finally there is nothing so thrilling as seeing an experiment working - this is the best motivator (for me) to explore further how to keep doing this kind of work. Again I think it helps teachers to find new ways to get young people involved in such work with the support of mentoring groups like the STEMNET Ambassadors.