

## Keep your options open - Adam

Lorna: "Hi, erm I'm at the Textile Centre of Excellence and I'm here to interview Adam erm 'cos he's just finished his apprenticeship in his family business. Hi Adam." Adam: "Hiya."

Lorna: "So, erm when you joined the family business, what qualifications did you have?"

Adam: "I had er GCSEs from school and I had er three 'A' Levels."

Lorna: "Right, Ok. Erm what was your plans after year 11?"

Adam: "Erm, well I looked at a few different routes towards like being maybe an engineer in some, either electrical or mechanical, but also er looked at college, colleges which is what I ended up doing, the route I ended up taking to keep my options open. More open for the future rather than going for one set thing."

Lorna: "Erm. What was your back up plan if this vacancy hadn't become available?"

Adam: "Erm I think I would've looked to go into some sort of, some other form of apprenticeship after going to Uni and not, erm, deciding Uni wasn't for me academically. So I reckon if this hadn't been available then I would a' looked to do some sort of other apprenticeship."

Lorna: "OK. What advice would you give other young people?"

Adam: "Er I'd say, erm, I'd keep your options open as long as you can."