

Learner Case Study

Advanced Engineering and Manufacturing, including Food Manufacturing and related Industrial Chemistry

Robert's Story

Robert has been studying for an engineering degree whilst working full-time on a 12 hour shift pattern in a demanding manufacturing environment. According to his tutor, his performance on the BEng course has been outstanding and Robert has achieved a first class degree with honours, completing the course in the shortest time possible (2 years for part-time).

After completing the Foundation Degree Robert started the BEng course under his own motivation by funding himself and taking annual leave. Once his commitment and motivation to obtaining a degree was recognised by his employer he was supported financially. Robert's position within the company is being reviewed as a result of his degree and Robert hopes to be promoted to the design office, which would not otherwise have been possible. His company has already supported him in completing a further Solid Modelling module to improve his relevant skills.

Robert was 30 years old when he started the BEng and already had a family, in fact during the timeframe of his BEng course his wife gave birth to another child. Robert's story should inspire others who are thinking about studying for a degree while already in employment.

In June 2009 Robert won a West Yorkshire Work-Based Learning Award at the WYLLN Celebration Event.