



WHY IT MATTERS... MECHANICAL ENGINEERING



Loughborough University

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Engineering degrees teach you to problem solve. The ability to step back, diagnose and solve is useful in any profession.

For me, mechanical engineering is about designing, manufacturing, researching, analysing and repairing of anything with moving parts.



<p>Post 16 Education</p> <p>AS Level Psychology</p> <p>A Level Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology</p>	<p>Higher Education</p> <p>MEng Mechanical Engineering</p>
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Why did you choose Mechanical Engineering?

I love to fix things.

I grew up playing with motorbikes and often enjoyed fixing them more than riding them. At school and college I was good at Maths, I wanted to apply that to a practical subject.





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Josh's experience as a student

Loughborough was awesome!

The Wolfson school had amazing facilities meaning plenty of the course was practical in smaller groups. Loughborough has an outstanding reputation for its Mechanical Engineering course. The campus is one of the best I've seen with the most incredible sports facilities; amazing for anyone interested in exercise and sports.

In my first year at Loughborough I joined the Skydiving Club. I made my first jump that December. It grew to be a massive part of my life and is how I started my career. I've worked in the skydiving industry since leaving university. Perhaps I never would have found something I'm so passionate about if I hadn't joined that club at the freshers' fair.

Josh's Career

I'm the Operations Manager at Skydive Langar, the largest dropzone in the UK. Although I prefer to jump as an Instructor when I can.

After finishing my degree I worked at Skydive Langar, the dropzone I'd originally learnt at. During this time I was learning to fly aircraft, something I'd always wanted to do. After gaining my pilot's licence I was lucky enough to be able to spend 4 years working as a skydiver and pilot in Norway.

In the last year I've moved back to the UK to start a new role at Skydive Langar. I love skydiving and doing what I love for a job is amazing.

Josh's advice

University is about much more than the degree you choose. The degree you choose is not necessarily the field you'll end up working in.

Going to Uni is an opportunity to live independently, learn new skills and find hobbies you'll become passionate about.

Loughborough University offers degrees in

Mechanical Engineering, Engineering Management

Please note: Degrees and their titles change over time. Some graduates may have studied degrees that have evolved and changed in response to changes in demand from employers.