

REBECCA WHITE

TTS STUDENT: 2003-2010

Current role: Security Officer at Gatwick Airport

Career pathway:

I studied Criminology, Criminal Justice and Social Policy at the University of Wolverhampton. In 2013 I relocated to West Sussex and started working as a security officer at Gatwick Airport. I completed my first 19 months internally at the South Terminal, dealing with passengers on a daily basis. I now work externally, working the perimeter of the airfield and checking vehicles, staff, detainees and even VIPs! Working in Civil Aviation has such a great buzz and it's an amazing feeling knowing you're helping keep people safe everyday. To complement my work I volunteer as a Special Constable with Sussex Police, based in Haywards Heath, which is very rewarding.

Advice for students:

Keep going, careers can be challenging but hard work pays off. It's great being in the aviation industry and definitely a fulfilling career pathway.

Plans for the future:

I'd like to stay in the aviation industry but hopefully move into an intelligence role, working with other agencies within counterterrorism.

Best memory of your time at Thomas Telford?

The teachers' support during school – I didn't appreciate it at the time but I learnt many valuable life skills at school.

