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**Why did you choose a career in engineering?**

- At college, I enjoyed solving chemistry and maths problems. Therefore, I chose to study Chemical Engineering as it offered me a combination of these subjects. It was also appealing that chemical engineering students tend to get one of the best graduate wages (better than medicine!) Note: currently the average starting salary for chemical engineering graduates is £28,500, according to [whynotchemeng.com](http://whynotchemeng.com).
- After university I made the decision to pursue a career in process engineering to give me day to day variety. Working at DBD has given me opportunities to work a wide variety of projects, both in the UK and Internationally.

**What was your education route to becoming an engineer?**

- At college, I took A levels in Maths, Chemistry, Biology and Physics.
- I then studied a Masters in Engineering, Chemical Engineering and Chemistry undergraduate course at the University of Sheffield.
- I joined DBD Limited as a graduate and have been working for them ever since.

**Why is it important to have more female engineers & what does INWED mean to you?**

- I believe that gender balance in the workplace is important for diversity and for creating a large talent pool.
- It is important to have female role models that raise awareness of careers that girls may not have considered due to misconceptions about STEM subjects being masculine.