



CASE STUDY 'Girls Allowed'

Braintree College in Partnership
with Ramsey College

Motor Vehicle Mechanics 14 -16 years

Introduction

Its not very often year 10 students have the opportunity to be so involved in the practicalities of car maintenance, but Natasha Williment and Rochelle Ruggles, both from Ramsey College, can be seen in the photograph below working on a clutch prior to testing it for correct operational working. Course tutors at the college keep 'a watchful eye' on all practical activities.

Achievement

Braintree College works in partnership with local schools, offering vocational courses leading to a recognised qualification. The programme has been running for six years and offers Year 10 and 11 students the opportunity to study a two year course. Students are in college for one day a week and often this will lead to a full-time course at the College.

The Future

Both Natasha and Rochelle were keen to learn new skills and were enjoying the course that would not necessary be a conventional choice for female students.

Natasha is considering her future career choice and Rochelle, who has a keen interest in cars, is looking to join the army after leaving school and would like to pursue her interest in mechanics.

Norman Wiseman, the Vocational Training Co-ordinator for Ramsey College, concludes: "We are delighted our students find their time at the College such a rewarding experience. We encourage them to get involved in vocational courses and we hope that a high proportion will return to Further Education."

**"I intend pursuing
my interest of
mechanics in
the army."**

Rochelle Ruggles

