



## CASE STUDY

# Adam Phillips

Advanced Apprenticeship in  
Vehicle Maintenance and Repair

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### Introduction

Adam's interest in car mechanics began at an early age. At the age of 12 he was tuning and racing cars at the weekly mini racing events in Peterborough. After school Adam went straight to work in the family business, MOT Services at Halstead. In September 2004 he started an IMI (Institute of the Motor Industry) Apprenticeship in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair at Braintree College.

### Achievement

Adam said: "I learned the basics and developed my skills in the workshop; the practical side of vehicle mechanics is very different to how it looks on paper and getting hands-on experience enabled me to learn more. College staff assessed me in the workplace for the NVQ, I appreciated their support and felt my achievements were being recognised. In 2005 I completed the Level 2 NVQ and Technical Certificate and progressed to the Advanced Apprenticeship. Level 3 was far more involved and went beyond correcting individual mechanical problems to looking at more complex systems and diagnostics, it really helped to build up my knowledge. I finished the Advanced Apprenticeship in 2007. Lecturer Adrian Clarke nominated me for the IMI Advanced Apprentice of the Year Light Vehicle Award which I received in June 2008, I did not expect to win as there are many other Apprentices working in Essex."

### The Future

"Since College I have qualified as an MOT tester and also in 'E.O.B.D.' diagnostics, and there is always more to learn. I have a passion for cars and am keen to share my knowledge and skills with other new Apprentices. Eventually I would like to run my own business or have a management role in the family business."

