

Inspiring a younger generation into STEM and the Aviation Industry

Our goal: Inspiring young people to explore careers in STEM and aviation, to support and encourage their future career choices.

How can you help? By sharing your story

Name & job role:	Thomas Bristow- Cyber Security Certification Specialist
What did you enjoy doing when you were younger?	I enjoyed a whole range of things from scouts to playing music to swimming.
What were your favourite subjects in school? Why?	I always loved maths, it was something that made sense to me and you could always find out if you have the right answer.
What or who inspired you to study these?	I very much enjoyed the logical aspect of maths and wanted to take it further. I then enjoyed decision maths which lead me to computer science which in turn lead me to information security.
Did you do work experience? Where and did it help in choosing your career path?	I managed to get internships through the CyberFirst bursary scheme.
What was your first job?	This job actually!
How did you arrive where you are in your career?	I got an email from my university about this cool bursary scheme and decided to sign up for it. After going through the multiple challenges, I was able to get an internship and now a job at the CAA.
What do you love about your current job?	I love the variety of challenges that I face day to day.
What were the biggest challenges/barriers you had to overcome?	I am someone who has dyslexia, so it takes me longer to read and write well.
Who have you looked up to and why?	I always looked up to my dad, from a young age I thought, and still think, his job is super cool.
What is your ambition?	I want to help people in the best way I can.
What is the best advice you were given?	Work smarter not harder

What advice would you give a younger you?

There is nothing wrong with asking for help,
even if sometimes it can feel embarrassing.

Any additional comments:



Thank you for sharing your journey.