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I unfortunately left school with no GCSE's, I knew where I wanted to go in my career but never had the qualifications to get there. My 1st Apprenticeship was in Customer Service level 2 which opened the door to college where I did my GCSE's (Physics, Chemistry, Psychology, Sociology, Law and IT).

After college, I did my 2nd Apprenticeship, level 3 Advanced IT Apprenticeship which I completed in 6 months. My Apprenticeship provider was impressed with my work, so they wanted me to become one of the first in the country to do the Level 4 BCS Network Engineering Apprenticeship.

I got my head down and overcame all the obstacles the BCS put in front of me (exams, portfolio, EPA and Interview) to become 1<sup>st</sup> person in country to complete BCS Digital IT Apprenticeship Standards with a distinction.

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