

CAREER TRANSITION

CASE STUDY: JOCKEY to ENGINEER

Name: Anthony Freeman **Age:** 31

From: Warwickshire

Riding Career Summary:

Rode 21 winners as an Apprentice & Conditional jockey from 2008 to 2015. His biggest win came aboard New Perk in the Bathwick Tyres Handicap Chase at Wincanton.

New Career: Plumbing and Heating Engineer

Support from Player Association:

During a long period out with injury, Anthony met with JETS to discuss second career paths. When he eventually decided to stop riding, JETS helped him choose a suitable course and make an application to Warwickshire College. JETS also provided funding for Anthony to complete his Level 2 & 3 Plumbing qualifications. During this time Anthony found part-time work with a Plumber to gain further experience and continued to ride out in the mornings. JETS has helped him gain further qualifications and also awarded him the IJF Progress Award at the Richard Davis Awards which recognises the achievements of former jockeys in their second careers.

Career Transition Highlights:

- Being able to combine his new career whilst still continuing his involvement with a racing yard where he rides out in the mornings.
- Being awarded Construction Student of the Year at Warwickshire College.
- Using contacts from racing to establish new business leads in second career.

Career Transition Challenges:

- Going back to studies and being in a learning environment again.
- The pressure of taking exams again but coming through with distinction.



“ I feel my good communication skills as a jockey have been a real asset in my new career. I knew that long-term, I wanted to be able to start my own business and this is an excellent industry to be part of and I already have a great number of contacts from my time in racing. ”