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Tom Bladen is an adult instructor at Tamworth Unit Sea Cadet Corps. He completed CVQO's BTEC First Diploma in Engineering (Maintenance) as a cadet.

Tom is currently on an apprenticeship with Rolls Royce, training to be a fitter. Entry requirements for the position requested a qualification in a practical subject. Tom's BTEC First Diploma in Engineering was accepted as a practical qualification, and he was successful in his application.

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Tom has also found the qualification to be useful in a personal sense.

“The course pushed me to achieve my best and make me realise what I was aiming for. I believe this has made me a more ambitious person generally as I am always striving for the next best thing.”

Tom's immediate aim is to complete his apprenticeship and take a full time position with Rolls Royce. In the future, he would like to complete a secondary apprenticeship in leadership, in order to qualify for a management position.

“CVQO offer an amazing scheme no matter which qualification or award is undertaken. The benefits from these qualifications are massive and can really help a lot.”



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