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CAL Isuzu is a Hamilton-based industry leader in new and used trucks, modifying hundreds of heavy vehicles each year to meet customer demand.

If you're obsessed with trucks and new technology, you'll fit right in at CAL Isuzu!

- Did you live for playing with toy trucks as a kid?
- Do you get a buzz from seeing a truck and trailer driving down the road?
- Are you fascinated by how trucks work and the loads they can carry?
- Do you want to work with like-minded people who share your passion?

If we've just described you, read on!



Useful School Subjects

- Maths
- Workshop and practical subjects
- Automotive

If you want to drive your career forward with CAL Isuzu, they'll give you opportunities to do just that. They know that every team member has something unique to contribute, and they are always looking for motivated people to join their team.

To find out more about this sector, profiles of young people like you in the industry, and career tools and tips...

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SAM & ALEX
HEAVY DIESEL MECHANICS

The FutureForce® Crew sat down with Sam and Alex to chat about their role...

The FutureForce® Team caught up with Heavy Diesel Mechanic Level 4 apprentices Sam Matherson, former St John's College student, and Alex Noble, former Morrinsville College student to find out more.

HOW DID YOU BOTH GET STARTED IN THIS LINE OF WORK?

Sam: After I left school, I did a mechanics course at Wintec. I did some work experience with my uncle who's also a diesel mechanic and I really liked that. I approached CAL for some work experience while I was at Wintec and ended up doing an apprenticeship.

Alex: I started off as a heavy diesel mechanic in Thames and now I'm here!

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNT ON THE JOB SO FAR?

Alex: Diagnosing and fixing vehicles.

Sam: Everything from servicing to big jobs like a gearbox overhaul.

TOP CAREER TIPS

FRONT UP TO AN EMPLOYER AND ASK FOR WORK EXPERIENCE..

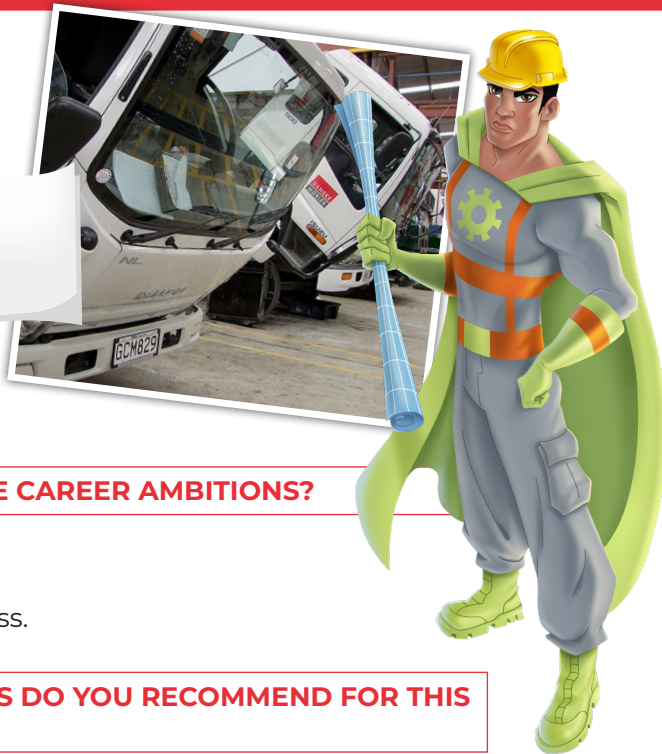
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WHAT'S YOUR ADVICE FOR SOMEONE GETTING STARTED IN THE WORLD OF WORK?

Sam: Try and get some work experience to find out what you like before you're set on a pathway. Always take photos of your work. You need them on your apprenticeship paperwork and it's good to have a portfolio to show potential employers.

Alex: Front up to an employer and ask for work experience. It shows you have the skills and ambition that the boss is looking for.

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WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE CAREER AMBITIONS?

Alex: Get qualified.

Sam: Start my own business.

WHAT SCHOOL SUBJECTS DO YOU RECOMMEND FOR THIS TYPE OF WORK?

- Maths
- Workshop and practical subjects
- Automotive



A DAY IN THE LIFE

7.30AM

Start the day with a cup of coffee. We open up the big workshop roller doors and check in with our foreman to see what we're working on that day. It might be a new project or something that's carried over from the day before. The foreman assigns jobs to each team member.

10.00AM

Take a break – grab a cup of coffee and catch up with the team.

10.30AM

Back to work.

We work on things like: Inspection of heavy vehicles to diagnose a problem, servicing heavy vehicles, warrant of fitness repairs, parts repairs and general maintenance of truck fleets.

1.00PM

Take a break for lunch... and another coffee!

1.30PM

On the tools again, finishing up projects for the afternoon. The number of jobs we do each day really ranges depending on what's happening. Some bigger jobs can take a few days to finish where some might only take a couple hours.

4.30PM

We write up the 'job story' for each job we've worked on that day, detailing what we did and how long it took. There's sometimes a bit of paperwork to fill in like timesheets and such.

5.00PM

Clean our tools, tidy up our workspace and head home.

