

The possibilities are endless for Emma Foran

Never too late to sign up and learn

HAVING left school after finding A-levels were not for her, Emma Foran started work at 16.

Having drifted from job to job, at the age of 22, Emma realised she was unhappy with her life and wanted to find something that she was good at and could develop as a career.

She knew she enjoyed science at school, so she enrolled on an access to higher education course in science. Within a year, she passed the course and gained grades equivalent to A-Levels.

Emma, from Laindon, now 24, searched on the internet for local jobs and came across an ad for an apprenticeship programme at medical equipment firm, Keymed.

Once she started with



■ Enjoying her studies – Emma Foran

Keymed she was told she would have to attend Prospects College, part of the Nova Partnership, to learn the practical application of engineering working for a NVQ Level 2 in engineering.

Emma now has six months left on the course.

She is also studying an Open University Course in maths and hoping for a place at Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge to study electronics as a day release student. Emma says: "After learning the theory

side of engineering, it's nice to start with the practical and I have learned many new skills which will help me in my role at Keymed. I am really enjoying the training. The tutors are very helpful, positive and very supportive".

Emma is the only female apprenticeship on the six-year scheme.

She says: "Keymed is a fantastic company.

"The possibilities are endless and I'd advise anyone looking at an apprenticeship just to go for it."

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