In 2011 he took the bold step, to act upon his desire to change careers, by initially enrolling on the DistanceLearningCentre.com’s Access to Higher Education Diploma (Teaching) which would allow him to apply to University to do a teaching degree.

Shaun successfully completed his Access to Higher Education Diploma (Teaching Science) with DistanceLearningCentre.com in June 2012 and with this diploma, he secured a place at Bath Spa University on their BA (Hons) Education Studies degree with preapproval for their PGCE course to carry straight on after completing the BA. “I found the help I received, when I was taking the Diploma, invaluable and it set me up for my BA perfectly.”

During his second and third year, as an undergraduate, his interests and ‘plans’ changed and he no longer wished to follow the route into Primary Teaching. He felt a stronger desire to somehow represent the less privileged in society so, after graduating with a First in his undergraduate degree, he decided to undertake a Master's Degree in Social Justice and Education at the Institute of Education (UCL).

He passed his Master Degree with Merit and during the year he was at the Institute of Education, he applied for and was successful in getting a place on a fully funded PhD back at Bath Spa University.

He has now come full circle and is currently one year into his full time PhD researching the ‘Effect Class may have on the transition from Primary to Secondary school for Year 6 pupils’.

“In another strange twist, I am also now teaching the same modules that I studied as an undergraduate at the University five years ago.”

His aim now is to complete his PhD in the next 2 years and be able to continue lecturing and researching by gaining full time employment at a University at the end of his study period.

Shaun’s story just goes to prove that it is never too late to make a change in your life and do something you feel would be more rewarding. That initial step in taking an Access to HE Diploma can lead to much greater things that you initially never thought of doing.