

Final Year

This has been my final year at the RAC and time has certainly flown. Having returned from China, I entered back into the spirit of being Westward and started getting my head down into working hard to meet all my deadlines.

Assignments were completed just after Christmas, with the Agri Business management taking a fair few hours to get my head around. I had already done the basic outline when I had entered a business report on a goat enterprise for the Young Farmers Award competition for which the Gloucester Young Farmers won first prize. Then came the biggy, the dissertation. I had been thinking for a while that the topic would be along the lines of my accomplishments in China growing sugar beet. With slight apprehension, I composed my literary review and in January 2011, I handed it into my tutor. He approved it and so began many hours of research, methodology, discussion and conclusion. By April my head was spinning and along came my parents for the final push. They spent 3 days proof-reading my work. Finally on 3rd May I pressed the button and my final piece of work rolled out. Having completed that task, I spent May revising and sitting final exams. By June I was finally finished! I never want to be known as an academic but to be honest all the hard work along with encouragement from many sources paid off as I graduated from the RAC with a first class Hons. Award. So from a young lad who hated school in his early years with hard and honest work you are able to achieve your goals.

In November I started work at a mixed farm in Hereford as an assistant manager. This position will be for 3 years. From here I will go on to fulfil my goal of becoming a farm manager. This role will be the crowning glory.

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