

I have always been fascinated by Maths from my early school days, I often wondered whether or where I would ever use it in normal working life. But to my surprise, yes. I apply Maths concepts every day! As a Software Quality assurance Engineer at Amazon, I work with our team to ensure that the quality of the software we deliver to our customers globally is high. All the problem solving, logic and analytical skills I got as a foundation when learning Maths in school has proven to be really helpful.

**Nicaise Ishimwe**  
Software QA Engineer, Amazon Dublin



Back when I was at school I always wondered what use maths was going to be to me when I became a farmer. I shouldn't have been wondering! Maths, numbers and the ability to calculate is so vitally important to me in my everyday work! From calculating milk yield per cow to working out how much milk to feed a calf to working out the optimum amount of fertilizer to spread. Without a good grounding in maths my job as a farmer would be almost impossible!

**Brian Rushe**  
Farmer, Kildare

McElhinneys is a busy department store in Co Donegal with a thriving online sales business. Every day at work I am faced with multiple scenarios where I need to calculate and come up with a solution, I always revert to maths. In retail, numbers are important, sales and stock. I believe maths is something that you can carry through your whole life and putting a little extra study into the subject may bring future opportunities when you leave school.

**Shane Lafferty**  
Systems and Logistics,  
McElhinneys of Ballybofey,  
Donegal



I enjoyed maths in school but never felt I'd have a use for it in my day to day life once I started working. That couldn't have been further from the truth. Working on various projects including the launch of Sky Glass (our shiny new TV) and red carpet premiers for shows like House of the Dragon and Succession requires me to measure performance as well as to design and measure images for events. Maths is central to my role and I love using my maths skills gained in school in a practical way every day!

**Brian McCormack**  
Communications Executive,  
Sky & NOW, Dublin



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My role as arts administrator in one of the biggest arts festivals in Ireland is very busy and very varied but can also be very exciting! No two days are the same. Most people don't realise how much maths plays a part of an arts administrators role; from scheduling accommodation and travel for artists, calculating cash-flow projections to ensure everyone gets paid on time to reconciling box office sales, maths plays a huge part of my job. I'm glad I paid attention in class!

**Celine Reilly**  
Administrator,  
Kilkenny Arts  
Festival

The Midlands Park Hotel delivers a high quality visitor experience. Our busy kitchens cater for conferences, weddings, meeting and banquets and as a chef, I need to plan and deliver for these events. I use simple to complex calculations in an everyday way. Whether it's checking recipes, calculating portion sizes, preparing budgets or looking at food waste, maths is everywhere and sometimes you don't even know it.

**Aine McEvoy**  
Chef de Partie, Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise



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