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Professor Christopher Jackson

Professor of Basin Analysis

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questions related to the evolution of our planet and gave me the opportunity to spend time outdoors. Everyone is attracted to earth science for different reasons, but I recommend it because it allows you to undertake challenging, exiting science that has real societal importance.

Job title: Professor of Basin Analysis

Organisation: Imperial College London

Location: London, UK

How did you get to where you are now?

I grew up in a working-class family in Derby to Caribbean immigrant parents, attending a local state school before studying Geology (BSc) and attaining a PhD at the University of Manchester. Having completed my PhD, I worked in the energy industry in Norway, before returning to the UK to take an academic position at Imperial College.

What do you do as part of your role?

My day-to-day role involves undertaking research in how the Earth's crust deforms, and how sediment is transported across and preserved within ancient landscapes. I also teach students, at undergraduate and postgraduate level, how to apply this knowledge to the exploration for and production of hydrocarbons.

Why did you choose earth science? Why should others choose earth science?

I chose earth science because I enjoyed it at GCSE and A Level! It allowed me to look at big

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