

Wizah Simbeye – MM Beneficiary & Former Irish Guardsman



Wizah, pictured centre with Ralph Hosier, automotive TV personality Ed China and other students who successfully gained qualifications

Former Irish Guardsman Wizah Simbeye is realising his dream of becoming an engineering student at the University of Gloucester. After six years in the Irish Guards Wizah was medically discharged in 2014 and subsequently diagnosed with PTSD after his life started falling apart, resulting in him losing his family and home.

Working as a security guard Wizah aspired to become a vehicle mechanic and enrolled with Mission Motorsport on an 18 month programme that would see him graduate with a Level 3 City and Guilds Diploma in light vehicle maintenance and repair in 2017. He would work nights on shift and then spend his days at the workshop learning new mechanical skills.

“I learned a lot at Mission as students are encouraged to do practical work and theory – it’s a great learning environment”.

Wizah’s sheer hard work and determination got him through the course but he credits Mission Motorsport and the support the team have given him as an important element of being able to fulfil his desire to gain his qualifications. “Mission Motorsport was great for me because they were accommodating and willing to support me despite my condition. Training was flexible and I could do as much or as little as I was capable at any time. They also referred me to different military charities like Combat Stress”

On completion of his training course, Wizah applied for a role at Honda Manufacturing and was at the beginning of a successful second career. Sadly it was soon announced that the factory was to close down. As Wizah’s time there came to an end he realised it was the perfect opportunity to go for his dream and applied for the full-time Bachelor of Engineering course in Mechatronic Engineering at the University of Gloucester. He was given an unconditional offer recently and is currently enjoying his new educational journey.

Wizah is a shining example of what veterans can achieve despite adversity and is an example to all.

