



# Judy Williams

*Graduated in 2007*

***Job Sector: Science & Research***

After leaving school I went on to study A levels before going to Leeds university to study medical microbiology. Following this I worked in scientific research developing testing procedures. I then moved back into the NHS and trained to become a biomedical scientist. I am currently working as a specialist biomedical scientist in haematology and blood transfusion within the NHS.

“Work hard and you'll achieve your goals.  
Make sure you enjoy your time at  
Longfield as you'll look back on it with  
great memories and lifelong friends!”



# Amy Ingram

*Graduated in 2008*

***Job Sector: Business & Finance***

**I left Longfield, went to Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form, Darlington College and the University. Currently working at Capita whilst searching for the right job.**

**“If you don’t know what you want to do, don’t worry about it! You can get to where you want to be one day and you will find your passions along the way.”**

LONGFIELD ALUMNI



# George Andrew Wright

*Graduated in 1982*

***Job Sector: Engineering & Maintenance***

**Working currently as an engineer/mechanic for SSE in Hampshire UK,**



## Kieran Weeks

*Graduated in 2012*

***Job Sector: Travel & Tourism***

**I have had many jobs since leaving school enjoying all of them! It wasn't till I was 22 to find my dream job. I'm an entertainer on the beautiful island of Fuerteventura in the Canary Islands! Playing games and interacting with guests during the day then on stage dancing, singing and presenting by night. It is one of the most rewarding things I have ever done and met many different people doing so, from all walks of life!**

**“Don't worry if you don't know what you want to do with the rest of your life straight away. As long as you grit your teeth and work hard you will be rewarded somewhere down the line.”**



# Luke Dann

*Graduated in 2012*

***Job Sector: Computer Tech & Digital***

**After leaving I studied Games Development at Darlington College. Studied Computer Games Design at Teesside University. I now currently work in the games industry at Rockstar Games, I achieved my first credit in 2018 with Red Dead Redemption 2.**

**“Have a plan and never lose sight of your end goal.”**



# Michael Sweet

*Graduated in 2010*

***Job Sector: Construction***

Played football at Gateshead college, went on to represent ESFA schoolboys u18s on Sky Sports. I now play Northern league football so I have kept my self in the sport able to earn a good wage from it and enjoy every second. I am also a full time advanced scaffolder, I started off as an apprentice when I was 19, learned my trade and now 7 years later I have my own apprentice and enjoy mentoring someone who reminds me of my younger self.

“Try not to take life too seriously, enjoy every laugh you can, go see the world!”





# Claire Gilmore

*Graduated in 2005*

## ***Job Sector: Business & Finance***

**After completing a law degree at Northumbria University, I initially did a graduate management job. After achieving management positions I decided to go back into the legal area and started work for the Ministry of Justice, in the Legal Aid Agency. I currently work in the Exceptional Complex Case team, dealing with funding applications for Claims against Public Bodies such as the police and prison service where there has been an abuse of power for example.**

**“Don't be afraid to change your career path if it's the right thing for you. It's ok to selfish when it comes to your career.”**



# Kyle Gilmore

*Graduated in 2003*

## *Job Sector: Health Care*

Since leaving school I attended college for a few years before moving down to London to join the prison service. For 7 years I walked the landings before joining the fire service. This was my life for 4 years before deciding to get into nursing. I currently work at Broadmoor High secure psychiatric hospital. Last September at the age of 33 I decided that nursing was what I was meant to do and I am now doing a 3 year nursing degree specialising in mental health.

“when your young you might know exactly what you want to do and you may have the steel and reserve to achieve your dream and that's fantastic but for those who don't know what they want to do. There nothing wrong with taking your time and it may take 5 years 10 years but its never to late to find your dream as long as you have the determination and drive to achieve it and I'm sure you will. Nothing is ever to late.”





# Lauren Bowkett

*Graduated in 2006*

## ***Job Sector: Business & Finance***

**I studied law at university. I then went on to law school and after training qualified as a solicitor in 2017. I am an Associate Solicitor and Head of Department Specialising in Proceeds of Crime in a city law firm in Leeds. I was recently featured in the Law Society Gazette as one of the youngest specialist lawyers in the country and I am on the Committee of Proceeds of Crime Lawyers Association. We educate and advise the government on the specialist area.**

*“Longfield School gave me the tools to be confident in my abilities. Work hard and take every opportunity that comes your way. When I was at school I had no idea I wanted to be a lawyer. I joined the public speaking team and it gave me the basic tools for advocacy. It was such a great experience and one I was able to use later down the line in my training.”*



# Sophie Williams

*Graduated in 2006*

***Job Sector: Education***

**I am not a teacher at Darlington College after passing my level 6 in Childcare and then my PGCE and QTLS.**



# Lauren Jackson

*Graduated in 2006*

***Job Sector: Business & Finance***

**I attended Longfield School between 2008 – 2013. I enjoyed school life, being involved in many sports teams and taking on responsibility where possible in roles such as prefect and sports leader. I had a good group of friends and also felt like I could get on with the majority of my year group. Business studies is the subject which led me to take the path I did through QE and then onto University. I Now work for PwC as an auditor training to be an accountant.**

“Don’t expect to know your life plan when you leave Longfield, everything will fall into place when it should.”



# Margaret Shaw

*Graduated in 20014*

***Job Sector: Hospitality***

Since leaving longfield I have attended college and complete my level 2 sports. I also have moved away from darlington and now live in rugby where I have started fresh and choose a completely different path. I am now working in the catering industry.

“Never give up on what you want to do  
Always follower your dreams and keep  
positive. Always remember no matter  
what life thoughts at you theres always  
away up.”



# Stephen Smith

*Graduated in 20014*

***Job Sector: ???***

**British rail 1978 till 1998 Shop fitting supplier 2000 till 2003. I am now employed as a Bus Driver.**

**“Never give up .and it's a completely different life when you leave school.”**



# Stewart Pigg

*Graduated in 2007*

***Job Sector: Business & Finance***

**Since leaving I have had a variety of different job roles from bar working to door to door sales, After focusing more on my communication skills I have now gone in to team management within the pension industry.**

**“It's fine to try different jobs not everything suits on person whilst your having these experiences try focus on what your good at and aim for a role that focuses on that area is my best advise.”**





# Gemma Riley

*Graduated in 2011*

***Job Sector: Business & Finance***

**Went on to do A Levels at QE, then did a degree in Law and French, now working in finance & accounting in a solicitors**



# Matthew Harrington

*Graduated in 2009*

## ***Job Sector: Business & Finance***

After leaving Longfield in 2009, and recognising that I had a passion for all things digital, I attended QESFC studying Double Applied ICT (A Level), Media Studies (AS Level) and Business Studies (A Level). I then went on to Teesside University, to study BA Web & Multimedia Design, graduating in 2014 with a 2:1 classification. Throughout my first year at University, I identified that I was more interested in functionality, rather than design, and chose modules in years 2 and 3 that suited this; predominantly learning how to code in PHP and jQuery. During my time at QESFC, and University, I had a part time role at Primark, where I was employed at weekends, initially as a Retail Operative, before moving into the Cash Office and subsequently being promoted to Supervisor. After graduation, I secured a role at iam sold - a property auction firm based in Newcastle - where I have had the opportunity to grow my skills further, quickly becoming a Senior Developer. Central functions such as Software Development, IT, Accounts, HR and Marketing were moved to the parent company (iamproperty), and I now manage a team of 8 developers through a never ending list of projects, and have started to move into a Technical Product Manager role. My intention is to make the move into a full time Technical Product Manager/Digital Product Manager role, within the next 3 years, either in Newcastle, or further afield in Manchester, Leeds or London.

**“You're in control of your own future. Do what's right for you, but not at the cost of others. You may not know what the future looks like right now, but there is only one person that can determine what that looks like. Your education at school is FREE. Use this to your advantage and achieve the best that you can. It will aid you in opening doors and opportunities in the future.”**



# Daniel James

*Graduated in 2006*

***Job Sector: Creative & Media***

**I am a freelance stop motion Animator and Puppet maker. Currently working in Manchester for a studio call Factory Create, where I am Head of the puppet department for the new US children's show Norman Picklestripes for Universal Kids. After graduating from university in 2013 I have worked on several TV & film projects including being a guest Animator on The Clangers.**

*"As someone who struggled a lot with learning due to dyslexia when I found my main passion and interests in animation, I would regularly find ways to work it into my school subjects to help make them more relatable. When telling members of staff about my interests they would support me with advice and feedback on my short films, as well as going to them for help when applying for special funds and grants to improve my projects to higher standards."*



# Jaime Lawson

*Graduated in 2000*

***Job Sector: Retail***

**After leaving Longfield I went on to do my A Levels at QE and subsequently to study History & Politics at Northumbria Uni in Newcastle. Since then I joined a retail graduate scheme and eventually ended up working in Human Resources. I currently work for Asda where I'm the Senior Manager of Reward looking after everything to do with pay and benefits for 120,000 people!**

**“My 3 top tips..... 1) Setbacks are all part of life - they're not failures, treat them as learning 2) never say no to an opportunity, no matter how curve ball it might seem 3) have as much fun as you can with the people that matter .”**



## Marcus Lee

*Graduated in 2010*

### ***Job Sector: Environment & Land***

Upon leaving Longfield with mainly C-grades, I began a 4-year Higher Apprenticeship Programme working in the Engineering Principle. This took me at the age of 16 from leaving school to receiving my first full time pay packet by September the same year. Throughout my Apprenticeship, the company I worked for supported my further learning, from NVQ early stages right through to the conclusion of my degree in 2018 (... I didn't pay a penny!) After finishing my Apprenticeship in 2014, I was hired in the same company as a fully qualified Quality Technician, working on consumer products, being responsible for the Quality First Approach and Product Assurance. After a year of hard work, and through Personal Development Programmes, I was promoted to Engineer status within the business. This gave further responsibility within the local business teams, and began developing my professional skills on a higher level. After another year of hard work and development, I was promoted to Global Supplier Quality Assurance Engineer. Within this role, I travelled the entire world, working with key Supply Chain and commodity experts to develop their process to meet in line with our product specifications, with a high deliverable of Quality, Cost and Delivery. In 2018, after traveling the world for 2 years (80 weeks/104), I began to see a business need for this role to be located in Asia, throughout many of our developing product base, and cost effective Supply Chain the requirement to be there only strengthened over time. I put the business case forward to the Senior Leadership Team, and in 2018 I relocated to our Shanghai Office to begin a massive cultural change (... again, I paid nothing!) I worked throughout Asia, being responsible for our entire Supply Chain to the UK and Europe, fronting Advanced Quality Plans in developing Commodity Experts. In 2019, I was head hunted by the biggest Oil, Gas & Nuclear company with Headquarters in the UK, my first job title in Global Management at the age of 25. This gave me the opportunity to return to the UK, reconnect with family and friends and begin a new career path. In this role, I'm responsible for a global footprint team, reporting into the Vice President of a conglomerate business and continuing the development of myself as a person, and professional.





# Kayleigh Ord

*Graduated in 2004*

***Job Sector: Health Care***

**I've been a care assistant, support worker/team leader and I'm now a healthcare assistant.**

**“You may think its not worth it...it really is, stick in. .”**





# Marc Coleman

*Graduated in 2014*

***Job Sector: Sport & Leisure***

**I live out in America and play Soccer. Since leaving Longfield, I went on to attend Carmel VI Form for 2 years. After that I ended up in America on a soccer scholarship. I have now been out here for 4 years and going into my 5th year. I have been all over America playing. Winning championships and competing in National Championship finals. Whilst playing, I have also been working towards a degree in Elementary Education to teach at a primary school level in the future.**

**“The world is a huge place, there is more to life than Darlington and England. Never accept when anyone tells you, you can't. .”**



# Ashleigh Shepherd

*Graduated in 2012*

## ***Job Sector: Logistics***

When I left Longfield I went to college to study public services for 2 years. I became a mum to a little boy (who is now 5 years old) I've went for a couple of interviews with Durham police force which where unfortunately unsuccessful. (But I wont stop trying) I've had quite a few jobs including kennel hand, worked at a fast food restaurant, a volunteer football coach for a few years and my current job as a taxi driver. I'm also a dog trainer in my spare time and have been to crufts with my own dog. All this leading up to hopefully become a dog handler in the police force in the future.

**“Take every opportunity you can get!”**



# Bryony Heaviside

*Graduated in 2016*

***Job Sector: Education***

**After finishing my studies at QE, I was offered an internship teaching abroad in China for a year. At 18 years old, I traveled alone across Asia and experienced many extraordinary things. Following this, I took another sabbatical year and worked in France and Italy as an Au pair.**

**“If you are unsure of what career path you want to follow, take some time out before going to university. See the world, gain experience and find yourself. ”**



# Chloe Bright

*Graduated in 2015*

***Job Sector: Education***

**I went to Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form for one year before starting a 2 year apprenticeship in PE teaching at Red Hall Primary school. I am now going into my third year at Teesside University studying Physical Activity Exercise and Health to eventually become a PE teacher.**

**“Try your hardest and you will get where you want to be, there may be knock backs but you will get there eventually. You will find your own way of succeeding, believe in yourself.”**



# Lynn Thornton

*Graduated in 1999*

## ***Job Sector: Health Care***

**I started a career in law as an apprentice working up to a Conveyancer. I had a change in career in 2009 and started work as a Manager in primary care. I have completed a Business Management and Leadership as well as an MSc in Healthcare Leadership. I'm Managing Partner in a GP Practice with 2 sites and I'm Director of Corporate Affairs of a GP Federation (of 21 Practices). I've been given an award for Senior Healthcare Leadership. I am a trained Quality Improvement Facilitator. I am also a qualified Healthcare Professional Coach and Mentor alongside being an Appraiser for NHS England. I'm married and I have a 14 year old son. We live in Wensleydale.**

**“Always be yourself, believe in yourself, trust your gut and don't be afraid to ask the 'daft' question .”**



# Ann Hamilton

*Graduated in 1975*

***Job Sector: Education***

After leaving Longfield, I completed the NNEB course at the College of Technology. I have then pursued a career in childcare. My last job was as an early Years Regulatory Inspector for Ofsted. I retired last year.

“Work hard and always do your best.”





# Callum Bates

*Graduated in 2014*

## ***Job Sector: Engineering***

After Longfield I attended Queen Elizabeth sixth form and studied Chemistry (C), Maths (C) and Business Studies (B). This allowed me to get into University of Chester (2016) to study MEng in Chemical Engineering. I completed my third year in 2019 and now currently on a year placement (2019-2020) working for Innospec as a chemical manufacturing student. My day to day duties involve assisting operations for the manufacture of tetraethyl lead (TEL). Once my year placement is over I will return to University of Chester to finish my Masters degree, where I will complete a engineering research project on an unanswered question

**“If you want to do something, don't let anyone tell you that you can't.”**



# Susan Baker

*Graduated in 1985*

***Job Sector: Education***

**College. Worked in business and finance companies for 33 years Had 2 businesses Volunteered as Teaching Assistant in local primary school where I lived. Kept studying through my business and finance career. Currently studying Business Management at Teesside University. Will be looking for placement for my 3rd year. My aim now is to become a Business Teacher once I've passed my degree Masters and PGCE/PGHE.**

**“Believe in yourself and anything is possible. Watch what you put on social media. Get as much career advice you can whilst at college and University and grab every opportunity that comes your way and the most important one is network with as many businesses at careers fairs you can get to. You never know your future boss may be at that fair and finally learn from your past and change your future.”**



# Ruth Hansom

*Graduated in 2012*

***Job Sector: Hospitality & Catering***

I am a chef currently working in London. After leaving Longfield I did an apprenticeship at the Michelin Starred Ritz Restaurant. Since then I have gone on to do a few TV programmes including Great British Menu, Saturday Kitchen and Million Pound Menu.

“If your plan doesn’t work, change your plan, never change your goals. Don’t limit yourself, always try to work our side your comfort zone. ”



# Katie O'Hara

*Graduated in 2008*

## ***Job Sector: Business & Finance***

Since leaving Longfield, I completed my undergraduate at Hull University (Sociology and Anthropology W/ Gender Studies). I work in Client Relationship management which took me to Chicago managing the North American operations for a audio branding agency. I have recently moved back to Darlington where I now work in Finance. I have had the opportunity to abseil down the side of the Trafford Centre, Skydive in Indiana and compete in the 2019 Chicago triathlon all in the name of charity.

“enjoy being exactly where you are right now, the memories you make during school are the ones you'll constantly go back to when catching up with friends. ”



# Claire Moreland

*Graduated in 1987*

***Job Sector: Education***

**I am a teacher at Harrowgate Hill Primary School. Also taught at Whinfield for 9 years so both feeder schools for Longfield.**

**“ Always be the best you can be. Challenge yourselves to do that bit more and that bit better. It will pay off in the end! ”**



# Abigail House

*Graduated in 2015*

***Job Sector: Education***

**After leaving Longfield I attended QE college and studied Psychology, Sociology and History at Alevel. I then completed a level 3 apprenticeship in supporting teaching and learning and worked as a teaching assistant for two years. I am now studying Primary Education at Durham University.**

**“Don’t let anyone tell you that you can’t be what you want to be.”**





# Andrew Griffiths

*Graduated in 1988*

***Job Sector: Business & Finance***

**A few odd things :-) Completed a degree in computing and worked for Orange, Vodafone, Cap Gemini.... set up a consulting company which eventually employ 36 people... Got a bit jaded with this and set up a company to do inspections and surveys with drones...**

**“In education, do what you enjoy....  
so you get the grades.... You can  
always change your path later! ”**



# Alicia Boon

*Graduated in 2017*

***Job Sector: Uniformed Services (Army)***

**I went to sixth form for 3 years and gained 4 A Levels. I decided university wasn't for me and I decided to join the army! I'm now waiting for a start date to join my dream career.**

**“Enjoy school whilst you can. I wish I'd savoured those Wednesday morning maths lessons with Mr Ashcroft a little more. You'll miss it when it's gone. ”**



# Grace Airey

*Graduated in 2011*

***Job Sector: Business & Finance***

**Went and studied business management at Northumbria university. Started a career in recruitment after graduating and now work as a 360 recruitment consultant in Newcastle. Currently studying for CIPD level 5.**

**“Make sure you take advantage of All of the extra curricular and support longfield have to offer and make sure you enhance your CVS in any way possible and enjoy yourself !! ”**



# Anthony Kemp

*Graduated in 1975*

***Job Sector: Computer Tech & Digital***

**Started a Longfield Facebook group I'm only admin we have over 3000 members (all ex pupils and staff). Raised around £15000 for various charities through reunions/fundraisers and donated over £1000 for school funds**

**“Facebook can do good when used correctly.”**



# Danny Mathews

*Graduated in 2008*

***Job Sector: Business & Retail***

Since leaving school I have studied a 1st class degree in Business and started my career as a Buyer in grocery for Lidl International in London. I have since relocated to Manchester/Liverpool and have pursued a career in HR and Careers where I'm currently the Head of Careers at Co-op. I'm actively involved in charity work and work closely with lots of young people to support them into employment post education.

“Let nothing hold you back. Make no excuses. Achieve more than you aim for. ”



# Rebecca Shoulder

*Graduated in 2016*

## ***Job Sector: Education***

I have attended Durham Sixth Form Centre, completed A-levels in English Literature, Religious Studies and Sociology. I was accepted and attend Durham University studying Religion and Theology. Hopefully after graduating next year I will be returning to Durham to complete a PGCE as well as a masters in Education. I moved out of the family home, into University halls and now I rent a house. I have got a part time, weekend job in a local tea room, which I use to support myself financially. I have travelled Europe. Most importantly, I'm happy with the person I have grown to be.

“Don't let anyone underestimate you, and if they do, prove them wrong. ”





# Nathan Stephenson

*Graduated in 2014*

***Job Sector: Sports & Leisure***

**I am currently a sports coach who works in numerous schools trying to educate children on physical education. I have been in between jobs such as an electrician and retail whilst playing football part time.**

**“My words of wisdom would simply be to stick in at school and enjoy your time whilst you are there. They are the most enjoyable times with your friends if you do it the right way.”**



# Jennifer Rowling

*Graduated in 2016*

***Job Sector: Health Care***

**I left Longfield and had my daughter at 17. When she was 9 months old I began my nursing training. I became a staff nurse in A&E, progressed to a Sister in A&E. I'm now an advanced practitioner for the Ambulance Service.**

**“No barrier is too big to achieve what you want.. ”**



# Tracie Atkinson

*Graduated in 2004*

***Job Sector: Health Care***

**I went to university to study Theology as I originally wanted to become a church youth worker but was unable to find employment after graduating and ended working in mental health for 10 years I supported a number of people with mental health issues and even came back to Longfield to deliver anxiety management & self harm workshops with Darlington Mind. However I currently work for the NHS at Darlington Memorial Hospital and run a uniformed organisation for girls in my spare time which I have been involved in since I was a child.**

*“Dont stress out about exams and coursework - plan out your time into manageable chunks and set yourself realistic goals that can be achieved (then anything above that is a bonus!) Dont be afraid to ask for help. The teachers only ever want the best for you so dont give them a hard time and do your best in every subject no one can ask any more of you. Everyone has their own strengths and being kind, compassionate and a good listener to others is just as important as academics. ”*



# Jade Fletcher

*Graduated in 2014*

***Job Sector: Uniformed Services Police force***

**Since leaving Longfield school I attended Darlington College to complete a Forensic Science course. To which I achieved D\* D\* D\*. Whilst studying I have worked as a Dementia Support worker at Middleton Hall. After college I had then taken Bsc (Hons) Crime Scene Science at Teesside University. (Awaiting results). Whilst still working part time as a Support Worker. Throughout my last two years at University I perused a career in the Police force as a Special Police Constable with Cleveland Police. I currently have almost 2 years service and will be hoping to join as a full time Police Officer in the start of 2021.**

*“It is very overwhelming studying at school and thinking you need to have a plan for when you're leaving but it is okay to change your mind. I originally studied at QE and found I was actually a much more practical person, so joined Darlington College. It is okay to not be interested in what you're friends are doing. Do you and you won't go wrong. ”*



# Rachel Harrington

*Graduated in 2013*

***Job Sector: Research***

After gaining A-levels in Physics, Chemistry and Maths at QE I went to the University of Edinburgh to study Physics. Whilst there I was heavily involved in the LGBT+ society and the Women In STEM society. During my university summers I travelled solo through Europe, volunteered in New Orleans, worked at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and most recently completed a civil service internship with the Department for International Trade in London. I am graduating this summer with a 2:1, and am now applying for jobs in London in the charity sector. My dream job would involve a mix of researching and providing support for the most underrepresented in our society, hopefully influencing government policy along the way!

“Have the confidence to pursue whatever you want and do not put limits on what you can achieve. Also, do not be stressed if you don't know what you want to do for a job/career- I still don't and to be honest it's more fun that way. Give yourself the freedom to try anything and everything job wise to see what you actually



# Matt Parsons

*Graduated in 2014*

***Job Sector: Engineering***

**Went to college to start doing a Aerospace Engineering course, and then acquired a apprenticeship in Aerospace Engineering working on RAF Training Aircraft. I now am a qualified Aircraft engineer working with MOD and RAF completing all this while battling a rare form of bone cancer having to have 3D metal parts made for my hip and pelvis for ground breaking surgery at the beginning of 2020. And now I'm back up and fixing aircraft again.**

**“Don't let anything or anyone stop you from your dreams, if you want it bad enough the world is yours for the taking. ”**





# Louise Watson

*Graduated in 1995*

***Job Sector: Business***

**I went on to study a level 3 and 4 in Business Management. My first job was working for British Steel in sales. I now work as a manager, leading on the quality, training and analysis in a complaints function. I managed staff in Darlington and Glasgow.**

**“You can be anything you want to be, have faith and work hard to achieve your goals. ”**



# Kelly Binns

*Graduated in 1998*

**Job Sector: Social Services**

I went to QE and did my A levels, then later in life went to Durham University and gained a degree in Human Sciences (Branch of Anthropology). I now work for social services at Darlington borough council.

“Make the most of the opportunities on offer at school! .”



# Rachael Kay

*Graduated in 2000*

**Job Sector: Health Care**

**I went to QE then on to Teesside University to study Adult Nursing. I worked as an Anaesthetic nurse in theatres and currently work in Intensive Care as a Junior Sister. I am Advanced Life Support trained, I am an Infection Control link nurse for ITU and also work with my children's primary school occasionally to teach them all about my job as a nurse.**

“you don't have to be the best academically, I certainly wasn't. If you have the passion and the determination you will succeed with your chosen career. I was told I wouldn't even get a place at university by a lecturer during an open day because she said I wasn't brainy enough. During my first job I was constantly told by my manager that I was just not good enough. I now take charge of a 12 bedded Intensive Care unit and a team of nurses when I am on shift. I proved to myself that I could do it, and I did! ”



# Jenna Learoyd

*Graduated in 2009*

***Job Sector: Business and Entertainment***

**I work in a financial advisors firm training to become a Paraplanner. However I also decided to take a plunge and make a career out of singing as I have always loved it!**

**“Never be afraid to let your dreams get the better of you, if it goes wrong at least you can say you failed trying than failed to try .”**



# Louise Haymer

*Graduated in 2000*

***Job Sector: Education***

I attended 6th form college to complete A Levels moving onto Hull University. On completion I have worked in a number of roles mainly in charities supporting vulnerable people and making changes to health care services: for the past 2 years I have worked as part of the department of work and pensions in a local job centre as a work coach supporting people into work. I am of mixed race. Black Caribbean and white, I was the first member of my family to attend university.

“Take every opportunity that comes along, even when times are hard continue to challenge yourself .”



# Alyx Coleman

*Graduated in 20013*

***Job Sector: Health Care***

**I went to Northumbria University to study Operating Department Practice. Now I'm a registered Operating Department Practitioner (ODP) and work in Cardiothoracic Anaesthetics. It's my responsibility to work with a doctor to keep my patient alive and stable whilst they have their surgery.**

**“It's the will not the skill.”**





# Michael Bishop

*Graduated in 2009*

***Job Sector: Logistics Royal Mail***

**Completed College and became postman for 2 years. I have now progressed in Royal Mail and I am now a regional delivery manager.**

**“Enjoy yourself while you can .”**



# Louise Wilson

*Graduated in 2011*

***Job Sector: Business & Admin***

**I completed QE, did a 2 year admin apprenticeship in the office at Mowden School and was given a full a full time job following this.**



# Andrew Fleming

*Graduated in 2005*

***Job Sector: Self employed business owner***

**College Other training courses and qualifications Set up my own business, now I have 3**



# Nicola Hudson

*Graduated in 2000*

***Job Sector: Education***

**Gained a BTEC national Diploma in Popular Music followed by a degree in Music at Newcastle University. I then took time out of education and worked full time as a Team Leader at Sainsbury. Followed by time at home as a full time mum to two children. In September I am returning to education to complete a PGCE in Primary teaching. I have always wanted to teach.**

**“It's never too late to follow your dreams.”**



# Nathan S Walker

*Graduated in 2011*

***Job Sector: Uniformed Services Army***

I attended Longfield School between 2007-2011. As a pupil I generally enjoyed most of my school life. I achieved good grades all around and enjoyed the 5 years I spent there. My main interests were sports. I represented the school in every sport possible winning numerous events and became vice sports captain. After leaving in 2011 I went on to Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College and came away with 3 A levels and 1 AS level. My dream from the age of around 13 was the join the Royal Marines and after QE at the age of 18 i went on to become a Royal Marines Commando and now 6 years in I have served in numerous places around the world and have played sport for the forces in many countries such as Hong Kong, America and South Africa.

“Decide what you want and go and get it, nothing is too big”



# Montana

*Graduated in 2008*

***Job Sector: Engineering & Maintenance***

**Since leaving school I raced speedway all over the country even at international Level in Poland. Then I had a serious life changing Accident which stopped me. Now I am employed as a Depot Supervisor for a Highway Maintenance Company with my own family.**

**“Don’t be a sheep and follow the pack be a shepherd and lead the pack ”**





# Penny Smith

*Graduated in 2011*

***Job Sector: Social Worker***

**Attended Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College - 3 A levels  
Gained an NVQ level 2 in Business Administration Social Work  
degree - Teesside University Travelled got a car**

“Make the most of school! The social side and educational side. I got sick of everyone saying this to me but honestly, trust me. You’ve got it good. Stick in! You never know the opportunities it will open up.. don’t look back and regret what you didn’t do. Be kind, always. ”



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# Andrew Duncan

*Graduated in 1996*

***Job Sector: Education***

**17 years in the Royal Signals, now second career in the Department for Education working on academies operational finance.**

“Study, study and more study.”





# Chloe Shutt

*Graduated in 2016*

## ***Job Sector: Creative Dance***

I attended Longfield School between 2011-2016. As a pupil I worked hard to get the GCSE's I knew I needed in order to get into colleges to pursue my career in Dance. I always had a positive attitude to work and it payed off!!! I had a good level of communication between myself and my teachers which allowed me to never be afraid to ask for help, which always came in handy. The school allowed me to continue to work around my passion for dance providing me with a dance/sports leadership role and the role of Vice Sports Captain in my final year. These moments developed me into the strong team player in my current studio work and also provided role models to allow me to be the teacher I am today.

“Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, dedication and most of all, love of what you are doing”



# Mitoz Wozniok

*Graduated in 2017*

***Job Sector: Education***

I started Longfield in year 9 after my family moved from Poland. Moving to a new school in a different country was exciting but very daunting. I felt that my English was quiet good but it did pose as a barrier at first as I did struggle to digest what some pupils and teachers were asking me to do. I realised that I had to work hard to improve my English as this would impact on me in the future. With lots of hard work and perseverance I quickly got better and this helped me in all my subjects. I loved PE at school and had a real passion for Football. I am now going to attend Northampton University and complete a course on Sports Therapy.

**“keep self-motivated to your target and don’t give up.”**



# Abbie Phillips

*Graduated in 2012*

## ***Job Sector: Education Sport***

I attended Longfield in 2012 and left in 2017. I really enjoyed school, PE was my favourite lesson but I was good in most lessons but struggled in Maths, Science and English. I took part in the majority of extra curriculum sport and had a great circle of friends who I still see today. Doing GCSE PE gave me a lead way in my education as I achieved my level 1 coaching badge and First Aid. I now play for Sunderland under 19 scholars and Grassroots team Boro rangers ladies. College days consist of 2 hour lessons a day in the Stadium and then going over to the Beacon of Light for a 2 hour training session, we have match days on a Wednesday, we play teams such as rivals Newcastle, Manchester City, Plymouth, Swindon, Chelsea etc. I have made great memories at this College such as travelling to play Plymouth away and I scored a hat-trick or when we played tournaments and stayed overnight at St George's Park where England Fc train and me and the girls won the league there conceding 0 goals, scoring 73 and winning on 43 points!

*"Follow your dreams. "You get out of it what you put into it. "*



# Adam Howell

*Graduated in 2013*

## ***Job Sector: Education***

**I attended Longfield between 2008 – 2013 and thoroughly enjoyed my time at Longfield and can honestly say that school days are the best days of your lives, so make the most of it!**

**I generally got involved with most school events throughout my time at the school, especially in my last year when I became Head Boy (which was a honour in itself). Longfield supported me so much to get me to where I am today and I am thankful for this.**

**Concentrate and work hard at school and it makes it all worth while when you leave. Once I had completed my Apprenticeship I got took on as a Teaching Assistant and am still working at the same school to this day, 7 years on and I wouldn't change it for anything.**

**“Slow progress is better then no progress, stay positive.”**