



Lucy Conner

Role in school:

Assistant Headteacher



Subjects taught: Science



Qualifications I have achieved:

BSc (hons) Sport Therapy

MA in Education

QTS – Qualification for teaching



My First Job:
Pampurred Pets

Transferable skills from this job:
Working with different people

Other Experience:
Before training to teach, I was Science Technician

Why did I become a teacher?:
When I first started at Park, I covered some lessons and it was something I was good at. I was then lucky enough to be given the opportunity to train as a science teacher.

If I wasn't doing this job I would be: A radiographer in a hospital

An interesting fact about me:
I enjoy sewing and being creative! Have made bags, tops and massive jumpers!

Things I have been unsuccessful at:
Patience, really do not like waiting for things!

Year left: **1998**

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Kirsty Jervis

Role in school:

English Teacher and Careers Leader



Park
Alumni

Subjects taught: English

Qualifications I have achieved:

BA Broadcast TV and Media Production

MA Media and Communications

QTS English Teacher

My First Job:
McDonalds

Transferrable skills from this job:
Teamwork, time- management, interpersonal, customer service, confidence, working under pressure.

Other Experience:
**New born
Photographer**

Why did I become a teacher?:
I wanted to continue to learn, and inspire the next generation of my local area.

If I wasn't doing this job I would be: **Police Officer or Paramedic**

An interesting fact about me:
I enjoy training and teaching Taekwondo in Portsmouth.

Things I have been unsuccessful at:
Organising my workspace! I very easily let my papers pile up!

Year left:

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Jon Crowley

Role in school:

**Geography & RE Teacher
Year Lead**



Subjects taught: RE & Geography

Qualifications I have achieved:
BA HONS – Teaching and Learning Support

My First Job:
Groundsman

Transferable skills from this job:
Communication

Other Experience:
Sports coaching

Why did I become a teacher?:
To make a difference!

If I wasn't doing this job I would be: **Police Officer**

An interesting fact about me: I used to come to Park Community as a student!

Things I have been unsuccessful at:
Time management

Year left: **2001**

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Leanne Wingham

Role in School:

Dance and Inspired Learning teacher



Subject Taught: **Dance**

Qualifications I have achieved:

**Fitness instructor and exercise to music
BA (hons) Dance degree**



My First Job:
Staunton Arms Pub

Transferrable skills from this job:
**Independent, teamwork,
customer service, time
management**

Other Experience:
Fitness First gym

Why did I choose this career?:
**Wanted to progress forward with
my own learning, skills and make
a difference for young people**

If I wasn't doing this job I would be: **forensic investigator**

An interesting fact about me: **I am an adrenaline junkie
enjoy doing crazy things like jumping out of a plane.**

Things I have been successful at:
**Working with young people and adults
in the community**

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Oliver Greenham

Current job:

**Post-Production Manager
at Millstream Productions**



Park Alumni

Favourite subject: **English**



Qualifications I have achieved:
BA (Hons) Television and Film Production

My First Job:
**Community Assistant
at Park Community
School**

Transferrable skills from this job:
**Customer service, planning,
problem solving, working under
pressure, communicating and
collaborating within a team.**

Other Experience:
**Photography
Camera Operating
Directing**

Why did I choose this career?:
**A passion for filmmaking,
storytelling, to collaborate
creatively with a small team.**

If I wasn't doing this job I would be:
Chancing my arm at radio presenting!

An interesting fact about me:
I once flew in a helicopter with one of Santa's elves!

Things I have been unsuccessful at:
**Maintaining a healthy work / life
balance.**

Year left: **2011**

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Callum Larkin

Current job:

Banking & Finance Lawyer



Favourite subject at school: **English**



Qualifications I have achieved:

**LPC MSc in Law, Business and Management (Masters in Law)
LLB (Law Degree)**

My First Job:
Homebase

Transferable skills from this job:
Customer service, problem solving, working under pressure.

Other Experience:
Administrator at a GP surgery

Why did I choose this career?:
For the challenge – I enjoy negotiating with other lawyers and advising clients.

If I wasn't doing this job I would be: **In politics or marketing!**

An interesting fact about me: **While at Shoosmiths, I took part in a charity sky dive to raise money for Solent Mind.**

Things I have been unsuccessful at:
I was rejected when I first applied to be a trainee solicitor at my firm.

Year left: **2011**

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Jasmine Bone

Current job:

Atmospheric and Computational Chemist



Favourite subject at school:
Science

Qualifications I have achieved:
BSc (Hons) Chemistry
MRes (Hons) Chemistry (currently undertaking)



My First Job:
Community Receptionist

Transferable skills from this job:
Customer service, time management, task prioritisation, teamwork, communication

Other Experience:
Cleaning, Retail Work and Tutoring

Why did I choose this career?:
I have always loved science and have a passion for learning and developing new things

If I wasn't doing this job I would be: **Science Teacher**

An interesting fact about me: **I moved 300 miles away for university!**

Things I have been unsuccessful at:
Managing perfectionism and workload

Year left: **2019**

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Michael Clasby

Current job:

Quantitative Developer at Citadel



Favourite subject at school: **Maths**

Qualifications I have achieved:

MEng Joint Mathematics and Computer Science at Imperial College London

HSDC- A-Level Maths, Further Maths, Com. Science and Physics



My First Job:
Student
Community
Assistant at Park

Transferable skills from this job:
time management, collaboration, customer service, organisation

Other Experience:
Print shop assistant at Park Design and Print. Technical theatre (lighting, sound, staging)

Why did I choose this career?:
I've always enjoyed mathematics and found a way to apply that via computing. It enables me to continue learning and solve new and interesting problems every day.

If I wasn't doing this job I would be:
Lighting designer/operator in a theatre

An interesting fact about me: I have two pet Degus (a species most people have never even heard of)

Things I have been unsuccessful at:
Getting into Oxford university, waking up early consistently

Year left:
2017

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Beth Watts

Current job:
Midwife



Favourite subject at school:
Science

Qualifications I have achieved:
A*A*A* in BTEC Health and Social Care
Bachelor of Science Degree in Midwifery



My First Job:
Clarks Shoe Shop

Transferable skills from this job:
Communication skills, responsibility,
working in a team, and problem
solving

Other Experience:
Volunteering in
schools.

Why did I choose this career?:
I wanted to provide care to women at
one of most vulnerable and mostly
happy times of their lives.

If I wasn't doing this job I would be: Some form of police work
ideally investigating serious crimes.

An interesting fact about me: I studied Dance for 16 years
including Tap and Ballet.

Things I have been unsuccessful at:
Time management- switching from working days
and nights sometimes messes up my body clock.

Year left: **2016**

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Sophie Cowdrey

Current job:
Graphic Designer on Doctor Who



Favourite subject at school: **Art**

Qualifications I have achieved:
BA (Hons) in Television and Film Set Design

My First Job:
Art Department
Trainee on Sex
Education

Transferable skills from this job:
Learning the roles and responsibilities of an art department on a major Netflix TV series

Other Experience:
BBC, Warner Bros,
Universal, Amazon
Studios, Disney+

Why did I choose this career?:
I have a passion for media and art; I'm very lucky in my career combining both!

If I wasn't doing this job I would be: doing something creative!

An interesting fact about me: I wanted to work on Doctor Who even back when I was in school, so my career has truly come full circle.

Things I have been unsuccessful at:
Travelling more! I've been focused on a career but keen to see more of the world

Year left:
2012

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Callum Allen

Current job:

Local Taxation Officer



Favourite subject at school:
PE & Maths

Qualifications I have achieved: At GCSE level I achieved four 4s, Two 5s & Distinction *

My First Job:
Business Admin
Apprentice

Transferable skills from this job:
Communication, Teamwork &
Adaptability

Other Experience: I
have also worked
a sales
representative

Why did I choose this career?: I
wanted a career where I could
progress through the ranks and
eventually reach the top.

If I wasn't doing this job I would be: Accountant

An interesting fact about me: I am semi-professional
football referee and have officiated in the FA Cup.

Things I have been unsuccessful at: I didn't
apply myself to full potential whilst at school

Year left: **2018**

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Kacey Lancaster

Current job:
Nursery Educator



Favourite subject at school:
Biology & Computer Science

Qualifications I have achieved:
GCSE's: Three 5's, Two 4's and a Distinction
Level 2 & 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy

My First Job:
Beauty Therapist

Transferrable skills from this job:
People Skills, communication,
teamwork, dedication and pride
in my work.

Other Experience:
I have also worked as a:
*Hair & Beauty Technician
*Radiology Department
Assistant
*Maternity Clerical Officer

Why did I choose this career?:
I chose to work in a nursery as I love working with children. Being an educator means I get to teach the next generation the fundamentals of how to become their own person at the very start of their academic journey.

If I wasn't doing this job I would be: A Sonographer

An interesting fact about me:

I met my Boyfriend of 10 years, at Park Community School when we were in year 8.

Things I have been unsuccessful at:
Passing my driving test first time, and
second... (Third time lucky lol)

Year left: **2018**

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Steven Davis

Current job:

Soldier – British Army



Favourite subject at school: **Maths**

Qualifications I have achieved:

Level 3 Diploma in data communications. Level 3 Diploma in Leadership and management. To many others to mention!

My First Job:
Soldier

Transferable skills from this job:
Leadership, Team work, Work ethic, Instructor/Teaching Skills

Other Experience:
Travel, Sports, adventure training!

Why did I choose this career?:
To travel the world and help those in need.

If I wasn't doing this job I would be: **A Teacher**

An interesting fact about me: **I was on TV during the London Olympics... well the back of my head was!**

Things I have been unsuccessful at:
A lot but it never holds me back!

Year left: **2004**

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Mollie Ives

Role in School:
Community Assistant (Degree Apprentice)



Favourite subject at school: **History**

Qualifications I have achieved:

Passed all 9 GCSEs with grades ranging from 5-9, A levels in History, Geography and Economics.

Currently in my second year of the Chartered Management and Business Leadership Degree Apprenticeship.

My First Job:
Student Community Staff

Transferable skills from this job:
Money handling, customer service, teamwork, time management

Other Experience:
PDP, Tea Rooms & Ian's Barbers

Why did I choose this career?:
I wanted to go to university but was not sure where I wanted to go afterwards. The apprenticeship opportunity arose, and I couldn't say no!

If I wasn't doing this job I would be: **Studying History at university**

An interesting fact about me: One of my hobbies is Aerial Hoop

Year left: **2020**

Things I have been unsuccessful at:
I'm quite clumsy!



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Ellie-Jo Regan



Current job: **Visitor Experience Assistant at Boathouse 4 & Historian**



Favourite subject at school: **History**

Qualifications I have achieved:

BA in Medieval History & MA in History specialising in Medieval and Early Modern diseases- University of Winchester

My First Job:
McDonalds when I was 16

Transferrable skills from this job:
It taught me confidence to talk to the public and leadership skills

Other Experience:
I have worked at Boathouse 4 since I was 18, joining as a Visitor Host!

Why did I choose this career?: **I enjoy inspiring people and teaching them things they didn't know about the past. As a Historian I uncover people and their stories that have been forgotten about in history.**

If I wasn't doing this job I would be: At The Real Mary Kings Close in Edinburgh

An interesting fact about me:

I spent 4 hours in an archive handling an artifact used to document the number of deaths from the Great Plague in 1665

Things I have been unsuccessful at:
A-Levels. I really struggled and failed my A-Levels, but do not let them determine how successful you will be in life!

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Louise Hopkins

Current job: **Police Sergeant for Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary**



Favourite subject at school: **PE**

Qualifications I have achieved:

PE (Dis), English (B x2), Science (B), Maths (C), Food (B) & IT (B)
First Class Hons degree in Sport and Exercise Science

My First Job:
McDonalds

Other Experience:

I have played hockey since the age of eight which has taught me how to work as a team and has made me competitive to succeed at anything I do. I have also worked in Morrisons and Horizon Gym which has strengthened the skills I obtained from McDonald's.

Transferable skills from this job:
Communication, leadership, dealing with members of the public, respect, empathy and a lot of patience!

Why did I choose this career?:
I have always had a strong passion for sticking up for what I feel is right and challenging things that I feel are wrong. I also of course joined the Police to help people who may not have the ability to help themselves.

If I wasn't doing this job I would be: **a I would most likely have become a teacher - I worked at Park Community as a teaching assistant when I applied for the Police!**

An interesting fact about me:

the middle finger on my left hand is shorter than my other fingers because my knuckle for that finger is missing (I'm not sure how it happened)

Things I have been unsuccessful at: **I was asked to leave college due to failing all of my subjects - I only went to college because all my friends did, I worked full time for five years and then took myself back to college, where I passed all of my qualifications!**

Year left: **2008**



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Dale Grant

Current job: **Senior RSPCA Inspector**



Favourite subject at school: **PE & Science**

Qualifications I have achieved:

I didn't do that great at school, however I then went on to do an HND Animal Care and subsequently a BSc Hons in Environmental Management.

My First Job: **My first paid job was a paper round and then working in a pet shop.**

Other Experience:
I dabbled in a lot before my current role. Including construction, estate management, working overseas for a major travel company and consultancy.

Transferrable skills from this job:
Interaction with people of all ages and backgrounds, record keeping, self motivation.

Why did I choose this career?:
From a young age I always had an affinity with animals, wildlife and the environment. My education and previous roles gave me the tools I needed to become successful in this role, a position I wanted since childhood.

If I wasn't doing this job I would be: **Probably a wildlife ranger, somewhere like Kenya or South Africa.**

An interesting fact about me:
I'm actually colourblind, don't let anything hold you back. There is something for everyone.

Things I have been unsuccessful at: **I didn't do particularly well at school and am not in a literal sense academic. I was unable to join any of the forces due to my eyesight, and likewise study or pursue a career in medicine. However, with drive, passion and education, I'm now in my dream career.**

Year left: **1992**



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Sam Browning

Current job: **Student Paramedic**



Favourite subject at school: **PE & Biology**

Qualifications I have achieved:
passed all GCSES,
a-levels: PE - B, geography - C, psychology - B

My First Job:
Home Care assistant

Transferable skills from this job:
communication, empathy, problem solving, time management, advocacy

Other Experience:
Waitress and Event medic

Why did I choose this career?:
Passion since childhood and love caring for others

If I wasn't doing this job I would be: **A Carer**

An interesting fact about me:
I didn't really enjoy school however this doesn't mean you don't enjoy learning and can't progress and make a difference.

Things I have been unsuccessful at: **Failed to get into university for paramedic science first time so started caring and researching into the role and tried again and got a space!**

Year left: **2019**

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Tammy Seaman

Role in school:

Youth Worker & Deputy DSL



At school - 10 x GCSE At college - 5 x GCSE
Higher professional diploma in criminal law and practice
FDA Youth and Community Work

My First Job:
Working in a newsagents in Park Parade at the weekends. I got paid £1.90 per hour

Transferrable skills from this job: **Being organised, writing reports, good communication, being able to chat to people from all backgrounds, being empathetic, changing resources and being flexible to support others needs.**

Other Experience:
Being a mum

Why did I choose this career?: **I like the spirit, passion, and unpredictability of young people. I am also committed to ensuring young people are safe**

If I wasn't doing this job I would be: **A lawyer. I trained in law but chose Youth Work as my career**

An interesting fact about me: **The rock god , Lenny Kravitz, once kissed my hand! Other than that, I have always lived in Havant and choose to stay here because i like that I am close to the sea and also close to the countryside. Oh and I don't like Olives, or Custard Creams ewwwwww!**

Things I have been unsuccessful at: **Many things I'm sure! But I like to try to stay positive and think about learning experiences rather than things that were not successes.**

Year left: **2012**

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Sophie Rowsell

Role in school:
KS3 Hub Lead



Qualifications I have achieved:

I have 10 GCSE's at an A-C. I also completed an apprenticeship which means I am a qualified Level 3 childcare practitioner, I have a qualification which allows me to teach swimming.

**My First Job:
Swimming teacher,
which I still
currently do.**

Transferrable skills from this job: The skills I have taken from swimming teaching into this job include, good communication skills, planning and time keeping as well as confidence.

Other Experience: I have worked in many different jobs over the years these include working on summer programmes with young people and working in a nursery.

Why did I choose this career?:
Being an ex park student I know the affect that park has had on me. I chose to work at park because I can see the difference that we as a school make everyday.

If I wasn't doing this job I would be: this is a tricky one. Before I worked at Park I worked in a nursery. I realised that that wasn't the job for me anymore.

An interesting fact about me:

I still perform on stage and have found multiple amateur dramatics groups that I am a part of my favourite genre to perform is musical theatre.

Things I have been unsuccessful at: I was unsuccessful at college. I found college was not the right fit for me so I found myself an apprenticeship.

Year left: 2015

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Niamh Ashcroft-Coe

Current job: **Uni of Portsmouth Applied language students (French and Mandarin)/ part time sales consultant at Dreams**



Favourite subject at school:
Chemistry

Qualifications I have achieved:

Bachelors degree in Applied languages

A-levels in French, chemistry and physics, AS level creative writing

My First Job: **Worked in a perfume shop**

Transferrable skills from this job:
Customer service skills, money handling, independence, punctuality and more

Other Experience:
Worked and lived in France running outdoor activities like climbing, zipwire, trapeze.

Why did I choose this career?:
Chose university to go into teaching, especially teaching in foreign countries / to build employability skills whilst studying

If I wasn't doing this job I would be: **working in schools to help teach English and/or I would be living in Asia teaching English**

An interesting fact about me:
This one is difficult - I speak 4 foreign languages and can do the splits

Things I have been unsuccessful at:
Keeping my clothes organised and desk tidy, always an 'organised' chaos

Year left: **2016**

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