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My time at KCC: 1985-1992

I loved my time at KCC. I felt that I achieved a lot in my time there and was supported throughout. I particularly enjoyed the time in 6th form.

My journey since leaving KCC:

I went away for University (London) and came back to Kingsbridge.

My job is:

I work for a developer / Investor that specialises in Healthcare Facilities although I am also working on lots of other sectors like Hotels & Industrial etc

I chose this career because:

I didn't know what I wanted to be when I left Uni! I quickly wound-up doing project & design management in an international consultancy firm. Since then I have done – Project Management, Design Management, Head of Estates at the NHS, Development Management, Partnership Management. It has been a big learning curve but I enjoy learning and pushing myself.

The best thing about my job is:

Dealing with people and learning new skills.

My advice is:

Travel & keep doing so

Challenge your world view regularly by reading widely, especially things that don't fit with your views & beliefs

Meet as many people as you can, listen to them, respect their views & how they reached them, even if you don't agree with them

Figure out what you care about and what is important to you & focus on that

Learn to "zoom out" of a problem to see the bigger picture

Until you find your path (and even after) take as many learning and work opportunities you can

Never be frightened of change or a new challenge

Accept you will fail, don't be frightened of it and learn from every experience. Do NOT beat yourself up when you fail.. we all do it

Keep yourself physically active - walk, run, surf, swim just be active

Finally, keep learning, a language, a new skill, whatever you fancy, make it a lifelong habit

