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My time at KCC: 2000-2007

I enjoyed my time at KCC and felt that it offered a supportive and safe, yet challenging and progressive environment. The teachers were fun, energetic and passionate, prioritising success but also helping us to think beyond the confines of education, ensuring we became well rounded individuals too.

My journey since leaving KCC:

I graduated from Cardiff University with a BSc in Psychology which really challenged me but I didn't feel like further education suited my personality. I ended up backpacking around the world as my 'gap year' after university and decided I wanted to break into the Yachting industry. I met a couple in New Zealand who were working on a 70m boat and inspired me to try it. After becoming certified in basic safety courses, I flew out to France and got myself a job!

My job is:

I am a rotational Chief Stewardess on an 85m private yacht where I serve some of worlds' wealthiest clients in a 7-star environment.

I chose this career because:

The travel and adventure drew me in, as well as using my high-end hospitality experience in such a high-paced environment. I also love people and being part of a 'family on board' (crew) is something I thrive in!

My advice is:

Sometimes it can feel like you have to know exactly what path you want to follow and what subjects you have to do in order to 'succeed'. You always have a choice if you want to change the path you find yourself on; experiment, try it out, do lots of different types of work experience/part time jobs etc...anything to open your eyes to experiences around you. Also, education is important, but it's not everything; being a kind, hard working, passionate person, who takes whatever life throws at them, is far more successful in my eyes.

