



LIFE AFTER WALES

ALL WALES STUDENTS HAVE THE X-TRA FACTOR!



Ryan Sampson

Began English and Theatre Degree at Royal Holloway, London – left to become full time actor. Has worked extensively in Theatre, including the West End and on Television.



Rebecca Cobb

I left Wales in 2008, I went to The University of Nottingham and I'm now a doctor currently working in A+E (hence the lovely mint green scrubs...)



Rosie Cole

Studied French & politics at Newcastle – graduated 2:1 with a year in France at the Institute of Political Studies, South. Worked in local government for 2 years, travelled round south America and Asia for 9 months, did MA in social work at the University of Salford. Currently working as Child Protection Social worker in Sheffield.



Sophie Wills

Left Wales in 2006 and went to York St. John University to study (English Literature and Language), The College (Newspaper Journalism). Now works as a Reporter at Workop Guardian and Retford Guardian newspapers.

Sam Barke

Has just begun a law degree at the University of Liverpool.



Sarah Ratcliffe (Johnson)

De Montfort, Leicester, and then Bishop Grosseteste in Lincoln. Currently full time mum on maternity leave.



Rupert Allison

I got 1st Class honours Degree in Physics at Cambridge, Now I'm in my 3rd year of an Astrophysics PhD at Oxford.



Simon Herberts

Since leaving Wales in 2005 (I think) I studied Business at Sheffield University, graduating with a 2:1. It was a four year course which allowed me to complete a work placement year in year 3. I spent the year as the Accounts Manager for Mansfield Town Football Club before returning to University to complete my degree. Once I completed my degree I gained a place on the Tesco Graduate Scheme. Within 2 years of starting the scheme I was Store Manager of a shop in Nottingham. I have since moved on from Tesco and I am the Operations Manager for RDS Transport a temperature controlled haulage company. Alongside this I have been involved in the acquisition of an Events Management Company 'Events Solution' who provide barrier and staging for film premieres and concerts around the UK and I now manage this business alongside RDS Transport.

Ravinder Kaur

University: Nottingham Trent University
Company: DTZ Role now: Investment Manager for corporate clients investing in commercial property across London, UK and the EU.



Sally Thomas

After Wales (mainly thanks to my B in A-Level English Literature... so thank you very much!) I achieved a Higher National Diploma (with commendation) in Public Administration and then a BA (Hons) in Business Studies at Sheffield Hallam University Business School. I now work in Human Resources at Bradford Grammar School in West Yorkshire, one of the leading independent schools in the country.



Sarah Jennings

Left WHS in 2000. Studied Events Management (BA) at Leeds Met (2000-2004) Worked for ITV (Press & PR) & NHS Supply Chain (Project Management) Now studying Mental Health Nursing at Sheffield Hallam.



Victoria Fretwell

I left Wales with A levels in English Lit, Religious Studies and History to study English & Theology, then onto Canada for a year travelling and working. After Canada, to study for a PGCE in Religious Education at Sheffield Hallam University and then onto variety of teaching jobs. Starting in Bootle; a brief dalliance at WHS then onto Tuxford Academy where I was Head of RE for 12 years. I now work 3 days a week as a much less-stressed classroom teacher, still at Tuxford, but now juggling 2 young boys as well as my marking and planning!



Simon Taylor

After studying English Lit, Economics and French at A-Level I went on to study Law and French and Leeds University in 1994. As part of my degree I spent a year in France studying Law at the University du Maine in Le Mans. Was a brilliant year although getting used to 3 hour long lectures on Droit Administratif took some doing. I am currently Head of Finance for a Saint-Gobain company. Saint-Gobain are a global building distribution business, they employ around 200,000 around the world and are ranked in the FTSE top 50. I left Uni still not sure what I wanted to do and sort of fell into accountancy (after spending a year travelling Australia which is a whole other story) but I really enjoyed it and qualified with CIMA back in 2005.



Scott Ellis

BA in acting and directing from LAMDA. Now acting in theatre and directing – mostly for his own Theatre Company, The Merely Players.



LOOK WHAT WE DID



Louise Swift



I did Geography, English Language, Art A Levels then went on to do textile management at Leeds University, then did a PGCE in primate education, taught in Leeds for 3 years, went travelling to Australia/New Zealand. Settled in Queenstown, New Zealand. Taught in a primary school there for three years. Set up a building company with the hubby. Had babies and continued to develop our company. After 8 years in New Zealand decided to move back to UK in May. Now run 'swift building' in Holmfirth, UK completing building and renovations here and Queenstown. Also full time cook, cleaner and general skivvy to the three boys in my life!



Pat Sissons

I did Media with Cultural Studies BA at Southampton Solent University (it was 'Institute' back then!) and PGCE at Southampton University. Currently working on Spire FM in Salisbury and BBC Radio Solent.

Kathryn Macfarlane

In 1993 I went to Liverpool Uni and did a maths degree, then started PGCE but got ill. I qualified as a teacher through Gloucester Uni in 2009. Now resting & recovering from relapse of M.E.



Joe Bairstow

Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) at BPP Law School Leeds. Past: University of Leeds and Wales High School.



Kerry Lads

I went to the university of Leicester to study geography but I'm now a zoo keeper at the tropical butterfly house.



Martin Marshall

I went to Nottingham University to study Business Management graduating with 1st class honours. I never did Business at Wales so it was a trip into the unknown. After graduating University I got a job in London as a Management Consultant at Ernst & Young. It is now my job to work on multi-million pound projects.



Max Marsh

Currently at South Bank University, London, studying Drama.



Rachel Berry

I went to Leeds Met (now Leeds Beckett) and studied a BA (Hons) in Event Management with placement year. I then began working at a digital communications and events agency called Logistik as a Project Assistant. I was recently promoted to Project Manager and absolutely love my job. am currently preparing to go on for the MOBO awards at Wembley.



Lilly Williams

I left Wales in 2010 followed by Bird College and did a degree in Professional Dance and Musical Theatre and I'm currently working on board with Disney cruise lines as a Face character and dancer.



Ian Perry

I am a Chartered Town Planner I did a BA (Hons) Planning Studies - Sheffield Hallam University then a Postgraduate Diploma in Town Planning - Sheffield Hallam University I now deal with large scale planning applications of all types be it retail, employment, housing, leisure or anything else that people may want to pursue.

Jess Sanders

I studied Creative Writing at Sheffield Hallam and am now a Creative Copywriter for Wilko.



John Collins

I studied Media Production at the University of Lincoln where I met the people with whom I formed a TV comedy production company called Seldoes Differ. I am the Script Writer/Actor.



Matthew Hall

I went to University of Leicester and did a Law degree (LL.B., bachelor of laws) then went to the University of Sheffield and did an MA in International Criminology in the Law School, then a Ph.D. I was appointed Lecturer then Senior Lecturer in Law and Criminal Justice at the University of Sheffield. Then moved to Lincoln Law School, University of Lincoln, as Professor of Law & Criminal Justice.



James Outram

Graduated in 1996 from Bretton Hall College of the University of Leeds attaining a BA in Popular Music Studies and a PGCE. I became lecturer in Music Technology/ Media at Pembrokeshire College then joined the teaching team of Haverford West Music. In 2007 Jim moved to Paphos (Cyprus) with his wife, to pursue their careers as professional musicians.



Rachel Duroe

When I left school in 2004 I went on to study Architecture at De Montfort University in Leicester. I did my BA (Hons) and during holidays worked in a practice in Dinnington. I finished my first degree, moved back to Sheffield and started working full time in the practice in 2007, then I went back to uni to start the second part of my course back at DMU. I did this part time while I worked in my practice for another 3 years and gained my BArch (Hons).



Lauren Jepson

I feel like it's important to say that I have not achieved what I originally wanted to achieve when I left Wales and I couldn't be happier. I wanted to be an artist, but after spending a year doing art I realised it just wasn't for me, so I changed my course at university and got involved with societies at DMU. I'm now studying Arts and Festivals Management.



WHERE DID WE GO FROM HERE?



IS THERE LIFE AFTER WALES?



Charlotte Thomas

Charlotte left Wales during 2005 and went on to study English at Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge, this was followed by BPP Law School at Leeds which was a Post-Graduate Diploma in Law and the Legal Practice. She is now a Corporate Banking Associate within Addleshaw



Chloe Warnes
Primary Teacher



Albany Emmingham

Albany Emmingham has just started studying at the University of London South Bank, she is studying for a BA in drama.



Beth Gill

"I'm at the University of Sheffield studying Education, Culture & Childhood."

Edward Hogg Left Wales and went to RADA – BA Hons Acting. Now working extensively in Films TV and Theatre. Hogg was awarded a commendation at the 2005 Ian Charleson Awards for his performance in the Gate Theatre, London production of Woyzeck. He was nominated for Most Promising Newcomer at the British Independent Film Awards 2009 for his role in White Lightnin', and won Best Actor awards at the Monterrey and Mumbai Film Festivals for the same role.



Edward Hogg



Chris Devlin
Sound Engineer



Ery Henning
UK Call Centre Airtel



Deana Woodward
Infant Teacher



Aen Guinger
Works at Wales



Chloe Barnes
Primary Teacher



Francesca Hollis
Scientist

I went to the University of Salford as studied wildlife conservation with zoo biology and loved it! In my third year I chose to do a placement year and worked in New Zealand at Willowbank Wildlife Reserve and Orana wildlife park. At Willowbank I worked on a national kiwi breeding program in the hatchery and spent all day looking after kiwi chicks that would be released into the wild to increase the populations. While at Orana I worked as a zoo keeper and got to spend my days with cheetahs, vireo and big cats.

When I finally returned to England to finish University I ended up graduating with a first class degree!! (This coming from the girl who couldn't spell people and I was 10! I think it was you who finally got it to stick in my head!)

I started working at East Malling Research in March 2012 in the Entomology department and was made a permanent member of staff at the beginning of this year. I now lead research objectives on a project that was originally funded by DEFRA, working on an invasive fruit pest. I am currently the face of SMD Spotted Wing Drosophila, help videos that the HIC (horticultural development company) show to growers to advise on trapping methods and management. I am about to have my first paper published as second author soon to be in Diploma Digest after being the first person in the UK to find a female specimen of this invasive pest. I have been presenting my data at conference and spend a lot of time giving training to new staff members. I have been put forward to do a PhD and we are waiting to hear if we have won the funding.

In between jobs I have been working as a ski guide in France, volunteering in a sloth rescue centre in Costa Rica and travelling as much as I can.

All in all I am so proud of myself and never thought I would do so well. I definitely think my experience at Wales set me in the right direction and would love my old teachers to see where I am now! It sounds like I am bouncing but it really is just I worked really hard to get where I am and want people to know how much you can achieve if you really push yourself!



Bethan Shaw



Andy Manning

Andy Manning left Wales in 2006 and went to University of Leeds to Study Architectural Engineering. He graduated in 2010 and now works for Peter Brett and Associates LLP in Doncaster as a Structural Engineer.



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RADA



Alex Jones

"Here I am at my really untidy desk. I work as a features writer for a women's magazine Stylist. I did English at Leeds University from 2006 to 2009 and then moved to London and did lots of different jobs, mainly publishing or journalism related before landing at Stylist."



Chris Page
Designer