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WHERE AM I NOW?

I'm now working as a full time playwright living in London. I'm predominantly carving out a career as a musical theatre writer, but in the past few months I've started developing new work with TV companies such as ITV and have also had my first tentative meetings with film companies as well.

A LEVEL QUALIFICATIONS AT BILBOROUGH

English Language, General Studies, Government & Politics, Drama

WHERE I WENT AFTER BILBOROUGH

After studying Drama, English Language and Politics at Bilborough I was accepted onto Bristol University's Drama course.

MY MEMORIES OF BILBOROUGH

Bilborough was, in my ways, like a little Bristol in itself– a place where you could get involved with as much or as little as you like. Even the fact that you didn't have to stay in college when you didn't have periods it instilled a sense of adulthood and responsibility; no-one at Uni, or indeed in real life, is going to come knocking on your door at 9am in the morning telling you to get up!

MY ADVICE TO YOU...

Make the most of your time there; it's a unique place, and a very special two years. It sounds stupid, but even being able to wear your own clothes sets you up for the real adult world – so many people I met at University seemed so young at 18 because they'd always worn school uniform and called their teachers 'sir' rather than their Christian names.

And finally, don't waste your time. It's easy to doss around and be a bit of a waster when you're 16 and I'd be lying if I said Bilborough didn't have a few of those; everywhere does – even in the professional theatre industry!

I remember people bawling their eyes out on results day because they hadn't got the grades. I think the true meaning of the tears runs deeper than that; it's that they let themselves down, wasted their time and realised they were about to hit real life, where there are no teachers banging on about revision. So really utilise the staff and facilities whilst you're there, even if you're not understanding something – it's much worse to fail in real life than in the comfort of the college surroundings.

