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WHERE AM I NOW?

I am currently a trainee journalist at News Associates, a centre for multimedia journalism.

WHERE I WENT AFTER BILBOROUGH

I went to study English Literature at the University of Warwick. I really enjoyed my time studying there, graduating with a 2:1 in July 2014.

MY MEMORIES OF BILBOROUGH

The main thing I would say is that Bilborough really helped to instil a sense of independence that has since helped at university and on my current course. As opposed to sixth-forms at schools, which may still make you feel like a school pupil, Bilborough helped me to realise that your work is ultimately your own responsibility, and you can't expect to be constantly reminded to do homework etc.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE IB?

I chose the IB because I was so indecisive! I wanted to study several subjects in different areas - I knew I wanted to do English and French, but I also wanted to do Biology, and Maths, and maybe a Humanities subject as well. The IB offered an opportunity to offer a really varied set of subjects, which A Levels couldn't offer as much. I also liked the added aspects like CAS and TOK, which all seemed to suggest a more rounded education.

WHAT DO YOU FEEL YOU GAINED FROM THE IB PROGRAMME THAT HAS HELPED YOU IN YOUR STUDIES/CAREER AFTER BILBOROUGH?

The independence and time-management which the IB taught me have really helped since I left.

MY ADVICE TO YOU....

Enjoy it! In my two years at Bilborough I had a lot of fun with new people who have gone on to become really close friends. It is also worth appreciating that college is a great preparation for whatever you want to do afterwards – whether that is going to university, an apprenticeship, job or anything else.