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WHERE AM I NOW?

I currently run a small business as a mobile Shiatsu Practitioner - a holistic Japanese body work therapy. I love travelling around and visiting clients, meeting new people and seeing their well being improve. The best part of my job is knowing that I have made someone's life a little easier, whether that be through relaxation, stress reduction, anxiety or help with a specific illness.

A LEVEL QUALIFICATIONS AT BILBOROUGH

Sociology, Psychology, English Literature and General Studies.

WHERE I WENT AFTER BILBOROUGH

I went onto Derby Uni to do a BA (Hons) in Complementary Therapies, which involved two pathways - I chose the Shiatsu pathway and loved every minute of it. I was really incredibly happy to come away with a 2:1.

MY MEMORIES OF BILBOROUGH

I will be eternally grateful for Bilborough; they helped me after some difficult times both before and during my two years. The staff were all really easy to get on with and the students were all easy to get on with as well, I met loads of new people and my confidence grew as I was forced to be sociable!

I enjoyed the different subjects I studied, they were really interesting, and particularly English Lit, Lang and Psychology - a subject I have called upon at times with clients!

I have also designed and made my own website with WordPress, inspired by the "build your own website" enrichment I took part in at Bilborough College!

MY ADVICE TO YOU...

Go for it! It's a big place with a lot of people in, but it's a great experience and you will love the atmosphere. My tutors, especially my form tutor, did whatever they could to make sure I got what I wanted and where I wanted in life.