

# ROB CHILTON CLASS OF 2004-06



#### WHERE AM I NOW?

I have recently started a career with Barratt Developments, which is Britain's best known house builder. The company incorporates two national brands, Barratt Homes and David Wilson Homes, which is designed to develop the company's future leaders. The exciting thing about this programme is that I am able to rotate around six different areas of the business during my first year, which includes Design, Construction and Sales. This will give me a fantastic insight into how the company works as a whole, as well as helping me to decide where I want to specialise.

## A LEVEL QUALIFICATIONS AT BILBOROUGH

Art & Design, German, English Language, General Studies

### WHERE I WENT AFTER BILBOROUGH

After leaving Bilborough in 2006, I completed a three year undergraduate degree in Architecture at the University of Portsmouth. During that time, I spent my summers working at Walt Disney World in Florida. After graduating, I worked for a small architectural practice in Winchester, Hampshire, before studying for a two year Master's degree at Manchester School of Architecture.

## MY MEMORIES OF BILBOROUGH

My time at Bilborough shaped me as a communicator, developed my problem-solving skills and encouraged me to be analytical. I enjoyed the independence compared with school, being given the freedom to develop my own projects and spend my free periods working away in the art studio. The atmosphere there definitely helped me make the huge jump between secondary school and university.

#### MY ADVICE TO YOU...

Always make sure you create a good work - life balance. Taking part in extracurricular activities, such as sports, music or theatre will help build your confidence will look great on your CV and provide a way of 'switching off' from your academic work.

