

Where Are They Now?

AT SCHOOL



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What do I do now?

I used to work at Barclays bank, but left in 2009 after 23 years of service, due to my three children, now aged 15, 10 & 10 (yes twins!) I also set up my own Water Fed Pole window & gutter (ladder-less) cleaning business with my husband in 2008, and it is still growing, having become a Private Limited company 3 years ago. I deal with about 500 customers via emails and texts, while my husband does the cleaning jobs. I also have a part time job with Next, working in a variety of customer service positions in the shop.

How did I achieve this?

I was one of the first pupils when Heathlands School opened in 1975, and left in 1985. I went to Doncaster College, but didn't like it, and left to take up a job with Barclays Bank. I initially worked behind the scenes, mainly in the management of accounts and loans. Eventually I got to work at the counter! When I moved to Northampton with my husband, I became a Research and Adjustment clerk, which involved dealing with enquires from all banks (not just Barclays), locating missing cheques and a lot more.

What is my advice?

Try to work hard at school to gain good grades. I never tried an apprenticeship or went to university. Sometimes I wish I did, but I am glad with what I have done since I left school. Try to be involved both in the hearing and deaf community and do not be afraid to try to set up your own business. Life is full of risks! Believe in yourself, build up your confidence, be involved in the whole world and explore the options that you would like to try!