

## Where Are They Now?



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### What have you been up to since leaving Winterhill?

After leaving Winterhill, I studied at Longley Park Sixth Form College in Sheffield. I studied Law, Politics and History, all of which I loved. Politics was my favourite subject and I am now studying Politics at University.

Whilst at college I gained work experience. I worked in London for two weeks with the French skincare brand L'Occitane En Provence in their Public Relations department and I also secured a summer job with Rt Hon Justine Greening MP in Parliament, the now Secretary of State for Education. I hope to complete a second placement with Justine Greening or her advisers later this year.

### Why did you choose to study these subjects after leaving Winterhill?

I definitely knew I wanted to study History, as I enjoyed it so much at school - mostly because of Mrs Piermattei's excellent lessons. I wanted to try out something new - that's why I chose to study Law and Politics. Law and Politics were both subjects that had always fascinated me and I wanted the opportunity to learn more.

### What do the courses involve?

All three of the courses I studied at College are academically challenging as there are lots of intricate details that you have to get your head around in order to achieve high grades. A Levels require a lot of extra work out of class

hours. For example, weekly homework for my Politics A Level was to watch Question Time every Thursday night and read the news every morning! My Law qualification was actually a BTEC and I liked being able to do a coursework-based subject alongside exam-based subjects.

My Politics degree requires a lot of self-directed study and motivation. I have eight hours per week of timetabled lectures or seminars but I am expected to do additional study and research for up to eight hours per week, per module of study. The first year of my degree covers similar topics to Politics A Level but I am studying new topics such as International Relations and Comparative Politics.

### What are your plans for the future?

After graduating from University, I hope to work in a government department like the Home Office doing a job surrounding policy-making as this fuses my interest for Law and Politics together. I am particularly interested in working within the Department for Education.

### Any tips for current Winterhill students?

GCSE's are important so study hard as good grades lay the foundations for an excellent two years at College.

Grab every opportunity given to you and revise, revise, revise!

Don't under-estimate yourself.