

Where Are They Now?



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What have you been up to since leaving Winterhill?

After Y11 I went to Wickersley Sixth form to study A Levels in Maths, Further Maths, Economics and Dance. I chose GCSE Dance at school and thought I wanted to do something with this for a career but my plans changed and I decided not to continue studying Dance in my second year of A Levels.

After Sixth Form I chose to go to Hertfordshire University and study a Maths degree. I chose a sandwich course (which includes a year on work experience or study abroad as part of the course) because I knew I wanted to spend some time studying in another country. I am moving to Japan in the next few weeks to study the third year of my course at a Japanese University.

I have always been interested in Japanese culture and am looking forward to studying there and getting to see some of the country. The course will be taught in English but I have been taking evening classes in Japanese to help me prepare for living there.

What does your course involve?

At University I have to attend lectures every week - around ten to twelve hours, and the rest of the time is independent study. You can get one to one help from lecturers but you have to be prepared to put yourself out there and ask for help. Some of the modules we study include; Statistics, Mechanics, Computing, Number Theory, Real Analysis (proving numbers are real) and Theory.

What are your plans for the future?

Once I have graduated I will look for a job probably on a graduate scheme with a company. I am still not exactly sure what career I want to do but I know that there are jobs in finance for maths graduates. I would like to live in Yorkshire but I accept that I might have to move to wherever the jobs are.

Any tips for current Winterhill students?

Try and widen your knowledge of the range of careers out there and what careers link to the subjects you enjoy.

When you are choosing A Levels make sure you choose subjects you are good at but also make sure you are interested in the subject. I am glad I kept my options open because I was sure that I wanted to pursue a dance career but my plans changed and I am glad I had chosen other subjects I enjoyed and could study at University.