

Where Are They Now?



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Year left Winterhill: 2011

Currently: Studying PE and School Sport at University

What have you been up to since leaving Winterhill?

After leaving school, I went to Thomas Rotherham College (TRC) and studied BTEC Sports and A Level Business and Biology.

I am now in my final year at Sheffield Hallam University studying for a Degree in PE and School Sport.

I work part-time in security at football matches and as a swimming teacher and I also teach taekwondo.

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

I chose courses at TRC based upon subjects I liked at school. I chose my Degree based upon the fact that I might want to teach PE in the future but also because it was relevant to other sports careers too.

What does your University course involve?

My course looks at all aspects of PE; from the history of PE to how politics and changes in government can affect a school PE curriculum. Part of the course involves going on work experience placements in schools to gain a practical experience of teaching. You have got to have an interest in sports, and this is something I have always enjoyed and been involved with.

What are your plans for the future?

Once I have graduated, I am going to take a year off from studying and start earning some money and go travelling. In the future I might complete a Post

Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) qualification which will allow me to teach PE in secondary schools.

Any tips for current Winterhill students?

If you aren't sure what career you want do, don't pick subjects at College or University that are too specific.

Don't be too worried if you haven't got a specific career idea. Choose something that you enjoy doing and you won't go far wrong.