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Current role: Studying Graduate Medicine at University of Birmingham

Career pathway:

I am currently studying Graduate Entry Medicine at the University of Birmingham. My initial degree was in Biochemistry, which I completed at the University of Bristol before spending the next 4 years teaching at Thomas Telford School. This teaching experience was invaluable, because it improved my confidence and gave me the courage to choose a career I would never been brave enough to do before.

Advice for students:

It is never too late to change career path. I feel that students often put unnecessary pressure on themselves to know exactly what they want to do for the rest of their working life. Don't panic! The world of work is changing, and young people often change career many times before finding the perfect fit. You just need to be brave and try things out!

Plans for the future:

I am nearing the end of Year 4 of medical school and will be completing my elective placement over the summer. I have arranged a 6-week placement in Cambodia, where I will be assisting the ENT department at the Children's Surgical Centre in Phnom Penh. I have one final year until I graduate as doctor, before starting a 2-year Foundation Training programme in the West Midlands. I hope to incorporate my skills as a teacher into my role as a doctor.

Best memory of your time at Thomas Telford?

Year 11 Achievement evening. I thoroughly enjoyed watching the old video clips of myself and friends throughout our years at Thomas Telford. There was a great atmosphere and I'm sure many other students will remember it for many years to come!

