

PEACEHAVEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Name: Luke Sidwell
Attended PCS: 2003-2008

Career/Life Journey since leaving PCS:

I completed my A Level's at East Sussex College studying A Level PE and a BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Sport alongside the Community Sports Leadership Award and A Level Media Studies. After a summer coaching soccer in the USA, I then went on to study BA (Hons) Sports Coaching and Physical Education at the University of Chichester, completing my degree in 2014 before returning to PCS to work as a learning assistant until 2016. Following my school based experience at PCS, I completed a PGCE in Physical Education through the South Downs SCITT at Shoreham Academy. I secured my first PE teaching job in Croydon, working there for 2 years before returning to Sussex to work as a PE Teacher at Uckfield College.

Employability Skills:

I have consistently had to demonstrate a willingness to learn and develop within my role as well as developing my communication and interpersonal skills through working with various colleagues, parents and teachers from other schools. As a teacher, it is also important to identify, define and solve problems, including making decisions about the best course of action. This also includes the skills required to resolve disagreements in a positive way, whether your own disagreements or those involving other people.

Future Career Aspirations:

I have just finished completing a leadership course and hope to eventually become an Assistant Headteacher.

Career Advice:

You don't always need to know the path you wish to travel on into your first career. Embrace opportunities presented to you and take every chance to develop your skills across a range of suitable careers. Remember, hard work outweighs talent when talent doesn't work hard!

