

PEACEHAVEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Attended PCS: 2010-2015

Career/Life Journey since leaving PCS:

Since leaving PCS I attended Sussex Downs College for two years, leaving with D*'s in both Performing Arts as well as Musical theatre. I had a couple of part time jobs after this but nothing I particularly enjoyed. That was until I joined the Ambulance service as a 999 call taker. I was there for three years. This job changed my entire life. Helping people needing urgent care as well as just being a reassuring voice at the end of the phone and sometimes being the last voice someone hears, is actually, in fact, something quite special. I learnt so many life skills here, one of them being the cliché of life really being too short to sweat the small stuff. The main one being that asking for help is often seen as a weakness, but actually in doing so it makes you stronger.

I then moved to the police and took 999 calls there for a year. I then decided I wanted to move on and help others in different ways as I'd pretty much gotten everyone out of the job I wanted and needed by then. Another lesson being it's ok to move away from something to help yourself move forward. I'm now currently in training to be and will very soon be a foster carer for teenagers who need a home and some guidance. I'm very fortunate to be able to provide what will hopefully be a safe space for them to be able to be just who they wanna be. I'm also currently a lash technician which I do on the side, mainly because it's very therapeutic.

Employability Skills:

I'd say I'm organised, up for a challenge, kind, willing to put the work in.

Future Career Aspirations:

Ideally in the future I'd like to go into comedy/acting as that's where my main love is. However what's meant to be for me, will be.

Career Advice:

Be unapologetically yourself. You may never be the best at something to begin with, chances are you will never be, to begin with. Comparing yourself to other colleagues/peers is setting yourself up for failure. Things take time. Show willing, always go the extra mile. Be kind to others, ALWAYS stand up for what's right even if you stand alone. But mainly be kind to yourselves.

