

# PEACEHAVEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

**Name:** Gemma Ryder  
**Attended PCS:** 2003-2008

**Career/Life Journey since leaving PCS:**

Since leaving PCS, I went to college, completed Performing Arts, Sociology and English A levels. I continued onto University where I completed a Social Work degree with 2.1 honours. This degree is what really shaped my future roles, Homelessness Support Officer – I housed the vulnerable in Eastbourne, it was my job to interview, prioritise and find suitable housing for those in need.

Hostel youth worker (3 years) – I worked with 16 -25 year olds who were vulnerable, in need of support in various aspects of life for the 2 years they lived at the hostel.

Driving Instructor (6 years to date)

I decided, for now to change Career paths to Driving Instructing, of which I love. The people skills, patience and teaching skills I have learned through my previous jobs helped me become the instructor I am today, it is very rewarding helping people fulfil a major life goal.

**Employability Skills:**

Listening, observing, understanding the differences in people, adapting learning styles, communication, patience, teaching, driving.

**Future Career Aspirations:**

Later in life, when my daughter is older, I would love to Foster children, to give them a stable and loving home.

**Career Advice:**

You don't need to have a set plan, don't be afraid to change Career paths, ensure what you do, you are passionate about. What matters is your foundation.

