

Please complete the questions below and then email back to Katie Isbell at katie@futurefirst.org.uk. Please also send across a suitable photograph (3.0MB or more) - for example your graduation photo, college photo, or one in your job role.

NAME

Lee Shepherd

YEAR OF LEAVING

2001

CURRENT JOB/COURSE TITLE

Lecturer in Psychology

FAVOURITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL AND WHY? (Max 50 words)

Geography was my favourite subject at school. There were numerous reasons for this. I enjoyed learning about different case studies, such as the London Docklands. We also undertook a number of interesting school trips. Finally, I enjoyed the diverse nature of this subject, ranging from environmental to social issues.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE SINCE LEAVING SEAHAVEN ACADEMY? (Max 60 words)

First, I obtained my A-levels from South Downs College. Then, I obtained an undergraduate and postgraduate degree, and a PhD in psychology from Cardiff University. Following this, I got a job at the University of Stirling, looking at how to increase the number of people who are registered organ donors. After this I became a Lecturer in Psychology.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN LIFE AND HOW DID YOUR EXPERIENCE AT SEAHAVEN ACADEMY HELP YOU TO ACHIEVE OTHER SUCCESSES? (Max 80 words)

My biggest academic achievement was obtaining a job that I enjoy. In my job I have the freedom to conduct research on topics that interest me. I also work with students and help them develop throughout their studies. As a result, I find my work incredibly enjoyable. Seahaven Academy provided me with the building blocks for my career. Here, I obtained knowledge and skills that I have built upon throughout my education and career.

WHAT ONE PIECE OF ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO CURRENT STUDENTS? (Max 100 words)

My best advice is that the world really is your oyster. There are numerous opportunities in education and employment that are available to the younger generation. The key is to unlock your potential and take these opportunities. This is likely to involve some hard work. However, a little hard work goes a long way. Working hard now can help you to get the job you want when you are older.

WHAT'S YOUR NEXT BIG GOAL? (Max 30 words)

To become a Professor in Psychology.

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