

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

Richard Murgatroyd

YEAR OF LEAVING

1990-97

CURRENT JOB/COURSE TITLE

Owner – Richard Murgatroyd Photography

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

I had two favourite subjects at school – Geography as I was always fascinated by travel, and Music – both subjects I took to A-level

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

University of Leeds – 1st Class Honours Degree in Geography. I then worked and travelled in Central and South America for a year. In 2001 I started on the graduate programme at Accenture as a Management Consultant. I left to work as a Consultant in Sydney in 2006. From 2007 to 2012 I worked in acquisitions for a Private Equity Real Estate Investment company called MGPA (now Blackrock). After 8 mths in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka I returned to set up my photography business.

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 achievement in life is . During my time at Tideway (as it was) I was surrounded by other children from all walks of life and backgrounds and I realised that no-one other than me was responsible for my own success. It was my time in the studio, practice rooms, and performing in county music concerts that helped me reach the final of National Young Composer of the year when I was studying for my A-levels.

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

Follow your heart and study and work hard at what you love doing. I studied Geography at Uni because it was my passion – so when I had difficult exams or big deadlines it made it that much easier to bear.

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

My next big goal is to establish my photography business as one of the most successful and well known in London – no easy task!

Thanks so much for your support!