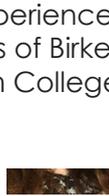
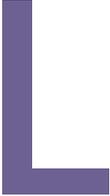


meet our former students

stories and experiences from former students of Birkenhead Sixth Form College.



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**“I’ll always
say BSFC was
two of the
best years of
my life”**

Calum Ramsay, former student, 2014/2016



At Birkenhead Sixth Form College (BSFC), we never cease to be both amazed and inspired by our students, past and present, and their achievements.

We take great pride in our role of raising aspirations in young people, and empowering them and facilitating them to go onto careers and educational pathways that set them up for life.

Coming to the College is the first step on an incredible journey of developing and growing as a person – as an individual – and our purpose is to give each of our students the personal and academic support that they require to fulfil their potential and reach their goals in life.

This booklet contains just a few of the wonderful stories that we hear about from our past students and where their journeys have led them.

We believe that all of our students are capable of great success in their work lives and personal lives, and this booklet is testament to the character that Birkenhead Sixth Form College students possess.

Mike Kilbride

College Principal

**“I liked having
the freedom of
what to wear.”**



Dasha Kruglyakova

Animator

High school: **Upton Hall FCJ**
Years attended BSFC: **2013-2016**

What subjects did you study?

Film Studies
English Literature
Art & Design
Art & Design Foundation Course

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

I wanted to be an Animator, and it didn't change when I left. I knew from a very young age that that's what I wanted to do! I went to University after Foundation to study Animation and graduated in 2019. I'm currently working as a 2D Animator on a pre-school series at a new studio in Liverpool, and have previously worked at another Animation studio in Manchester.

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

All of my subjects were my favourite. It's too hard to pick the best one because they were all so much fun, and they were all subjects that I was really interested in. I also don't have a favourite teacher - they were all amazing! I had Bert for Film, Angela and Alan for Art, and Jon Thorpe for English.

Give us one of your favourite College memories!

My favourite College memory was the Berlin trip with my Foundation class. It was such a laugh, and we got to visit so many incredible galleries and historical landmarks.

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

I really didn't like how the art course at my previous school was taught, and I was constantly being discouraged from doing what I actually enjoyed. I also didn't like how at school you were expected to wear a uniform, I liked having the freedom of what to wear.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

Don't be afraid to make mistakes! Also, you should take Politics A Level!



Abdou

Jouma

3rd Year Medic

High school: **The Birkenhead Park School**
Years attended BSFC: **2016-2018**

What subjects did you study?

Maths
Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

I wanted to either go for Computer Science or Medicine as a degree and ended up going for Medicine.

What did you do after your time at College?

I received offers from Liverpool University and Central Lancashire to study Medicine and surgery but then decided with the help of the College to go to UCLan where I'm currently happy and doing well in my 3rd year of studies.

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

There were many amazing teachers I met at the College and it'll be unfair to name of them only but it was very nice working and getting guidance from the likes of Steve, Rachel, Sue and Paul, who we unfortunately lost recently. I had very good time studying Computer Science in Year 1.

Give us one of your favourite College memories!

There are many of them, definitely including it being the place where I met the person I'll be marrying soon! I'd also say making the College and the Principal proud when I got my results and appeared live on BBC TV.

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

It was a decision I made with the help of my parents and teachers at my school. What made me definitely decide on BSFC was their visits to my school to speak to me and the way they welcomed me even before I joined. One memory I can recall is when I did my interview to join the College. The Principal actually met me individually and had a conversation with me and my parents. It made me feel appreciated.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

I would tell myself (and others in this position now) to go for it and decide on BSFC then make the most out of their time in the College where you'll meet very nice teachers and lifelong friends. Otherwise, to focus on studies as this will be a very important step into future career and life overall.

“Go for it
and decide
on BSFC.”



Megan Condliffe

Family Law Specialist

High school: **Prenton High School for Girls**
Years attended BSFC: **2015-2017**

What subjects did you study?

Law
English Language
Drama & Theatre Studies

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

I knew that I wanted to go into Law, I was just unsure about what area I wanted to specialise in. Since then, I have decided to specialise in Family Law.

What did you do after your time at College?

I went straight to university in Aberystwyth. Within my degree, I had the amazing opportunity to study in Australia for a year so in 2018-2019. I went over to Australia to the University of Newcastle to study Law.

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

It's hard to say as I was so fortunate with great teachers. Law was my favourite subject as it is something I am passionate about, and having Adam and Paula as my teachers during my A Levels was such a blessing. It's quite rare that you get teachers as supportive as they were.

Give us one of your favourite College memories!

BSFC gave me so many amazing opportunities! Bar Mock Trials in Chester and the Old Bailey were brilliant. They gave insight into how cases work all the way up to the trial. Creating the play 'Bored' with other people in the Drama department was definitely a highlight. Being able to perform a play that we worked on from choosing the theme to writing the script and performing. We initially just showed the play within the College, but we then had the opportunity to perform in the Floral Pavillion and it was a great experience.

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

I chose to study at BSFC because of the immediate welcoming atmosphere as soon as I walked in at an open event. The passion each teacher had for their subject was simply amazing.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

Don't ignore a single opportunity you are given. Find a good study/life balance, but make sure to have fun and have time for yourself.

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as supportive
as they were.”**

“It was a fresh start that I didn’t know I needed...in more ways than just academically.”



Linton Stephens

BBC Radio 3 Presenter

High school: **Co-op Academy Bebington**
Years attended BSFC: **2015-2017**

What subjects did you study?

Maths
Biology
Art & Design
Music

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

I knew I wanted to go to Music College to study Classical Music Performance.

What did you do after your time at College?

I got a scholarship to study bassoon at the Royal Northern College of Music as an undergraduate and postgraduate, and then continued my studies in Weimar, at the Liszt Hochschule of Musik in Germany.

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

I was lucky that all my teachers were inspirational. But I'm very grateful to have had Victoria Wells as my A Level music teacher. She was hugely influential in my career even to this day. There are things I still remember from her teaching and ways that she has shaped the way I think about doing what I do, as well as instilling confidence in me by always believing in me and pushing me to achieve my potential. I owe her a debt of gratitude I don't think I could ever repay.

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

I initially chose BSFC as my school didn't offer music as an A Level. But it was a fresh start that I didn't know I needed at the time in more ways than just academically.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

Become aware of how other people's lived experience affects how they see the world. And don't wait to help to affect a change for the better as soon as you can.



Anastasia

Pepper

Sociology Teacher

High school: **St Mary's Catholic College**
Years attended BSFC: **2015-2017**

What subjects did you study?

Drama
Psychology
Sociology
Law

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

I always wanted to go to University, and this didn't change after I left. After my time at the College, I went on to study at the University of Liverpool where I achieved a degree in Criminology and Sociology. I am now pursuing a teacher training course in Sociology.

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

All my teachers were great! However, my favourite teacher was my Law teacher, Paula. She was always enthusiastic about the subject, and made me realise I could achieve what I wanted with hard work and determination!

Give us one of your favourite College memories!

One of my favourite College moments was working part of a team for Law Bar Mock. We won this, which allowed us to go to the finals at London, where we performed at the Old Bailey. This was such a fantastic opportunity and was so much fun!

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

Having looked around at many sixth forms and colleges, Birkenhead Sixth Form offered the courses I wanted to do, therefore provided me with more opportunities and the environment seemed a lot more welcoming and calm!

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

Don't call any of your teachers Mr or Miss! Don't stress- it will all be okay!

**“I could achieve
what I wanted with
hard work and
determination!”**

**“Lessons were
constantly fun
but productive at
the same time.”**



George Thomas

BA Fashion Design

High school: **St Anselm's College**
Years attended BSFC: **2017-2019**

What subjects did you study?

Graphic Design
Drama & Theatre Studies
Film Studies

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

I wanted to be a Graphic Designer of some sort whilst studying at BSFC, however as time progressed and I attended 'FAD' in my third year, I realised I wanted to be involved in the fashion industry.

What did you do after your time at College?

I am currently studying Fashion Design at John Moores University.

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

There wasn't a teacher I disliked at BSFC, however I have to pick Liam (my Graphics teacher) as he allowed me to work in my own way and found my strengths, which was important to me. I'd never experienced that before. Liam also taught me the design process and how to present my work, which is such an important skill for me today. His lessons were constantly fun, but productive at the same time.

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

Because I didn't enjoy high school so much. BSFC offered subjects that were much more up my street than those offered where I was.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

Don't be afraid to make mistakes.

**“These will be the
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Holly

Scales

Forensic Scientist

High school: **Birkenhead High School Academy**
Years attended BSFC: **2015-2017**

What subjects did you study?

Law
English Literature
Forensic Science

What did you do after your time at College?

I wanted to be a Police officer, and that didn't change! I studied Forensic Science BSc at LJMU.

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

Adam Hall who teaches Law, because he made the lessons so interesting and gave me a passion for law.

Give us one of your favourite College memories!

Adam's Kahoots in our law lessons were always a good giggle!

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

When I visited an open evening all the teachers were super enthusiastic and encouraging, and it was the perfect place for me.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

Don't stress so much - these will be the best two years of your education and you'll meet friends you'll have for life!



Euan Holmes

Prop Designer: Netflix & Lucasfilm

High school: **West Kirby Residential School**
Years attended BSFC: **2016-2018**

What subjects did you study?

English Literature
English Language
Media
History

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

I had always wanted to do something creative/hands-on with media elements involved and while I was at College, I managed to get a spot on a trainee scheme with Lucasfilm to work on Star Wars Episode IX.

What did you do after your time at College?

I was taken on as a trainee in the props department on Star Wars and afterwards went on to work on other films such as 1917, Eternals and The Batman, also working in the property department. I recently just finished my three years as a trainee and have now reached the rank of a full dressing prop on a film for Netflix.

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

My favourite subject at College was English Literature and my favourite teacher would be Jon Thorpe. I had some difficult times personally at College, trying to balance my studies with my some issues. Jon saw past this and actually believed in my ability. This enabled me to believe in myself and has done wonders for my self-confidence. Years down the line, I'm still thriving because of the supportive, nurturing environment Jon managed to create and the fantastic lessons he taught me through the medium of studying English.

“Their willingness to bend the traditional educational mould to fit around my needs.”

Give us one of your favourite College memories!

My favourite memory was probably getting my results of A*AA. I never in a million years thought I could have done that well so it made all the hardships along the way worth it.

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

I chose to study at BSFC because out of all the colleges on the Wirral, this one was the one that showed the most support for me and the actual willingness to bend the traditional educational mould to fit around my needs.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

If I could give any advice to my younger self, it would be that to trust in the process and listen to the teaching staff more because they are there to help you, and they do actually want the best for you. I think it's a very hard thing to know what you want to do at that age and how you're going to get there but now I've realised you don't really need to always know, as long as you're working towards bettering yourself in some way.



Lauren Leyland

BSc Chemistry

High school: **The Birkenhead Park School**
Years attended BSFC: **2016-2018**

What subjects did you study?

Chemistry
Biology
Fine Art

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

When I first joined the College, I wanted to go on to study Art and possibly become an Art teacher in the future, however by the time I had left I had changed my mind to wanting to study Chemistry further.

What did you do after your time at College?

When I left I went on to start studying Chemistry at the University of York.

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

Picking my favourite teacher is a hard decision because all of my teachers were brilliant. However, if I had to pick, I would say that my favourite teacher and subject would be Steve from Chemistry. Steve was a brilliant teacher and was always cheerful. He had the best sense of humour, making the worst (but best!) jokes every lesson, making him really easy to talk to and get along with. Steve also was a big fan of keeping bugs and would sometimes bring them into the lesson to show us which was really cool! I think he really helped build my love of Chemistry and I definitely believe he's part of the reason why I'm now studying Chemistry at university. I always looked forward to his lessons!

Give us one of your favourite College memories!

I would say one of my favourite memories from my time at BSFC is from Art. It was during the second set of coursework in Year 2 where we had to explore an exam question, and I remember picking what I believed to be the strangest one (exploring trees!) because I wanted to do something different and put myself out of my comfort zone. I had so much fun with it because I moved away from the painting that I was comfortable with into 3D art and my teacher (Alan) was nothing but supportive the whole time. He often pushed me even further, and I ended up really enjoying the work that I was creating!

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

I chose to study at BSFC because I really liked the first impressions that I got from the website, which made the College seem very lively and a great place to study. Once I had been to the open evening and experienced it for myself, I was set on wanting to study there.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

A piece of advice that I would give to my younger self just starting out at BSFC is to not worry about if I would make new friends or if I could do well academically, because everyone you meet there is absolutely lovely and the teachers are so supportive. Just enjoy the experience because it'll be over before you know it!

“My teacher was nothing but supportive and often pushed me further.”



Chris

MOSS

Teacher of English

High school: **St John Plessington**
Years attended BSFC: **2008-2010**

What subjects did you study?

English Language
English Literature
Government & Politics

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

It changed depending on the week: Law, Politics, Teaching to name a few. I didn't settle until I was about 21/22.

What did you do after your time at College?

I studied Law at Birmingham City University and after graduating worked in property marketing for a student accommodation company. I realised it definitely wasn't for me and then looked into doing a PGCE at Edge Hill University.

I emailed Jon Thorpe to ask if it'd be possible to observe some of his lessons and complete my teacher training here. I've worked here since finishing my PGCE and completed an MA in English so that I'd be more specialised in the subject area.

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

Joe Peters in English Language. I remember at the time thinking he seemed to know everything and I was properly interested in what he had to say during lessons. I was lucky enough to work with him before he retired and he was also a guest at my wedding!

“It has been one of the most enjoyable experiences I’ve ever had.”

Give us one of your favourite College memories!

I was Student Vice-President, back when the College had a Student Council rather than Student Ambassadors. I did a series of events to raise as much as possible for Claire House over the course of a week. This involved fancy dress as a fairy and granting wishes for donations (probably a bit of a con now I think about it), and a sponsored run. But my favourite memory: We capitalised on it being December and I did a ChrisMoss Kiss for Claire House stall where people gave donations for a kiss. 50p for cheek, £1 for lips. A bargain.

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

My friends and I all made the decision we wanted to move away from our high school and start somewhere else where we could have a bit more independence during the day.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

Enjoy it while you can. You are only in College for a short amount of time, and it was one of the most enjoyable experiences I've ever had. I made friends who I'm still really close with today.

**“She was so
supportive
and helpful... I
owe her a lot.”**



Morgan

Shaharudin-Miller

Marketing & Sales

High school: **Wirral Grammar School for Girls**
Years attended BSFC: **2015-2017**

What subjects did you study?

Government & Politics
Business Studies
English Literature

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

I came to College wanting to study Business Management in London. Thanks to Jane, I considered studying Politics but ended up doing Business at Royal Holloway University of London.

What did you do after your time at College?

I went to University for three years and graduated last year. I now have a job in marketing and sales at a aerospace logistics firm next to Heathrow, London.

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

This is a tough one but I've got to say Jane Cavanagh! She was amazing. She was so supportive and helpful and most of all loved a good debate! I owe her a lot!

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

I really liked the idea of being more independent and I wanted a change!

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

I would probably say to my younger self to have more confidence, 100%. Not in general, but in my abilities academically definitely.



Harry

Gorman

BA in Politics

High school: **South Wirral High School**
Years attended BSFC: **2017-2019**

What subjects did you study?

Politics
Film Studies
Physics
Drama

What did you do after your time at College?

I went to study Politics at the University of Chester.

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

I really enjoyed Politics and its extracurricular elements: trips to Westminster and attending several tournaments with the Debate Club that went fairly well. I liked all of my teachers, regardless of my feelings toward the subjects at particular moments!

Give us one of your favourite College memories!

I was very fortunate to be able to get then-leader of the Green Party, Caroline Lucas, to come and talk to sixth form students from across Wirral at the College in 2018. I chaired the proceedings to the best of my ability at the time (and I only received one complaint!).

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

I chose to study at BSFC as it was something different to high school: no uniform, getting a bus and far less regimented. I really enjoyed it.

**“I chose to study
at BSFC as it was
something different
to high school: no
uniform and far less
regimented.”**



Betty Doyle

Published Poet

High school: **Woodchurch High School**
Years attended BSFC: **2011-2013**

What subjects did you study?

English Language
English Literature
Religious Studies
Fine Art

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

Whilst studying at BSFC, I knew that I wanted to go to university for English Literature, with the aim of doing a PhD.

What did you do after your time at College?

After College, I studied for a BA (Hons) in English Literature & Creative Writing at Lancaster University. I then went on to gain a Masters of Art in Creative Writing at Lancaster. I am currently studying for a PhD in Creative Writing at Manchester Metropolitan University, and my first poetry collection, 'Girl Parts', will be published by Verve Poetry Press in 2022. I am now a published poet, aiming to become an HE lecturer in Creative Writing.

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

My favourite teacher was Jon Thorpe, with my favourite subject being English Literature. During my GCSEs, I felt as though I were being trained only to pass the exam, but it felt to me that Jon genuinely taught us and gave us an excitement for new discoveries and knowledge. Our classes were both fun and informative, and Jon was very supportive. He introduced me to many writers that I now love. The best teacher I've ever had.

Give us one of your favourite College memories!

My favourite College memory is meeting people who are still my best friends ten years later: watching our friendships grow as we do, experiencing the world together, and feeling such love and support as we navigate adulthood together.

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

I chose to study at BSFC because it felt that the students were treated like adults. I didn't want to stay at a school and continue to be treated like a child. It felt to me as though BSFC really respected us as growing adults, which made the transition to university easier in my opinion.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

Advice to my younger self ... enjoy it. This is a really great time in your life where you're basically an adult without many adult worries! Enjoy yourself, apply yourself, and know it will all work out.

“BSFC really respected us as growing adults, which made the transition to university easier.”



Liam

Whelan

NHS Worker in a High Security Hospital

High school: **Co-op Academy Bebbington**
Years attended BSFC: **2014-2016**

What subjects did you study?

English Language
Media
Film
Psychology

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

When I first started at BSFC, I wanted to do something media or film related for a career such as a journalist or a director/script writer. However, the Psychology course really spoke to me as a subject and there are so many career paths to choose from in the psychological field. From this newfound interest, I decided I wanted to start a career in Psychology towards the end of my A Levels.

What did you do after your time at College?

After College, I went to University and got my degree in Psychology. After graduating, I worked in America and travelled. When I came back to the UK, I got a job working for the NHS at a High Security Hospital and I am now looking to progress my psychology career further by becoming an assistant psychologist and eventually starting my PHD in Clinical Psychology.

“All three teachers taught me that education doesn't have to be boring.”

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

I can't pick just one teacher, which speaks volumes about how great BSFC's teaching staff really are. My favourite teachers from my time at BSFC would have to be my Media, Film, and Psychology teachers: Bert, Neil, and Bryn. All three teachers taught me that education doesn't have to be boring, and they always went out of their way to help students and they really understood how to make students achieve their potential. These teachers had a positive impact on me at my time at BSFC and I know many former students who feel the same.

Give us one of your favourite College memories!

Much like the previous question, I don't just have one favourite memory! However, if I had to pick just one it would have to be A Level Results Day as everyone I had met and befriended in my two years at BSFC reflected on the friendships we had made and how far a lot of us had come since the start of College. That day was a bitter sweet feeling. It was exciting to think about leaving for university but sad that my time at BSFC was at its end.

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

I chose to study at BSFC because of the open day where I met my future teachers and friends and I just liked the atmosphere along with the fact a lot of students got into a lot of good universities.



Jessica

Billington

**Graphic Design &
Marketing Officer**

High school: **Prenton High School for Girls**
Years attended BSFC: **2014-2016**

What subjects did you study?

Fine Art
Graphics
English Literature
Law

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

Whilst I was at College, I discovered that I truly wanted to work within the arts sector. It was in my Graphics class that I found my love for Graphic Design. I either wanted to go into art therapy or become a Graphic Designer. It stayed the same after College.

What did you do after your time at College?

I went straight to the University of Chester where I completed a first class degree in Graphic Design. I was offered to do a Master's at Chester, however, decided to pursue a career instead and went to be a presentation designer in Liverpool. After a year there, I came back to the College to work! I'm now the Junior Design & Marketing Officer for the College and I'm pleased to say that the dedication of staff at the College is second to none. The upbeat, positive and engaging energy flows through every single member of staff: they really want what is best for the students here.

“College definitely shaped me into the outgoing person I am now.”

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

I honestly couldn't pick a favourite as they all went above and beyond in their subjects and just support in general: Paula gave me 1-1 extra sessions with Law (with accompanying props); Alan and Leanne always allowed us in to the art studios to do extra work and have a good laugh whilst doing so; Jon was a great English teacher with passion and amazing discussions that truly allowed you to understand a piece of text. Overall, they all had a great attitude and understanding of each individual student.

Give us one of your favourite College memories!

My favourite College memories are chilling in the park with friends during lunch, or when I took part in doing promotional shoots for the College. It was a great laugh and I made lifelong friends.

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

I wanted to be independent - that has always been important to me. I loved the fact I could embrace myself and wear makeup / my own clothes. The ability to have a new start and meet new people was very appealing too, even as a shy person when joining. College definitely shaped me into the outgoing person I am now.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

Savour every moment; understand that the hard work will all be worth it; talk to new people first because everyone is nervous to start with!

**“The ability to be
accountable for
my own studies.”**



Nick

Irving

Civil Servant in the Home Office

High school: **St Anselm's College**
Years attended BSFC: **2014-2016**

What subjects did you study?

History
Graphics
Business Studies
Politics

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC?

Did it change when you left?

I honestly had no idea at the time. I enjoyed Graphic Design and Marketing but as I went through University it changed to working in the Civil Service/Military.

What did you do after your time at College?

I moved to Sheffield to study at Sheffield Hallam University where I worked some part time jobs and got a first class degree in Business Studies before moving into a career in the Home Office (Asylum) in 2020.

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

It's hard to pick with Jane, Lisa, Graeme etc, but special mention to Dave Simpkin - one of the most passionate teachers I've ever met.

Give us one of your favourite College memories!

It's got to be the basketball promotion video that I was involved in, in my first year (still haven't heard the end of that to this day).

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

I wanted the ability to be accountable for my own studies and future. The College and the staff really helped me to do that.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

Just get involved, get your head down and enjoy yourself. Before you know it, you're 23 being asked to reflect on your time at BSFC...



Lauren Clynch

Master's in Art, Philosophy & Cultural Institutions

High school: **The Birkenhead Park School**
Years attended BSFC: **2014-2017**

What subjects did you study?

Fine Art
Textiles
Health & Social Care
English Language

I then completed an extra year in 2018 doing the College's Foundation Diploma in Art and Design before university, which I highly recommend.

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

I aspired to be a practicing artist/curator and wanted to study Fine Art at university. This did change: after a year studying Fine Art at Liverpool John Moores University, I transferred to the History of Art & Museum Studies degree at the same institution. I felt much more interested in theoretical narratives within the art sector, although, I do still love to be creative.

What did you do after your time at College?

After the Foundation Diploma in my fourth year at BSFC, I went onto study at Liverpool John Moores University where I attained an Academic Excellence Scholarship - something that the Art department encouraged and supported me with. I'm now studying an MA in Art, Philosophy & Cultural Institutions at the University of Liverpool and doing a placement with the Liverpool Biennial as Digital Assistant Curator.

“They gave me the essential skills to thrive in higher education.”

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

Definitely the Arts, both Fine Art and Textiles. All the staff in the Art department supported me through my time at BSFC. Alan, Angela and Wendy gave me the essential art skills that made me thrive in higher education and made the stressful transition to university much smoother.

Give us one of your favourite College memories!

One of my favourite memories would have been my first exhibition with Suzie Gray during my Foundation Year. The whole process was really exciting, and the College completely supported and aided our vision.

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

The College's Art department is what drew me to BSFC, specifically the various programmes, independent building and quality of teaching.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

I would tell myself to embrace every opportunity. At BSFC there are numerous ways to be involved in College life, improve your university application and CV.



Carl Kelly

Master's Degree in Law

High school: **The Mosslands School**
Years attended BSFC: **2015-2017**

What subjects did you study?

Law
Politics
Economics
Extended Projection Qualification
Business Studies

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

It was during my time at BSFC that I discovered my passion for public speaking, especially legal advocacy and as a result decided that I would want to pursue a career as a barrister.

What did you do after your time at College?

After I left College, I studied a Politics BA degree at The University of Liverpool before further postgraduate studies in Law to qualify as a barrister.

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

It would be too difficult for me to pinpoint a single favourite subject or teacher. They all have their own individual styles and personalities that supported me in different ways throughout College. It was the combination of all these that made it such a thrilling experience.

Give us one of your favourite College memories!

My favourite College memory would have to be competing in the national Bar Mock Trial competition finals at the Old Bailey and the Royal Courts of Justice. Opportunities like that are extremely rare for qualified lawyers, never mind students and it cemented my passion for my future career path.

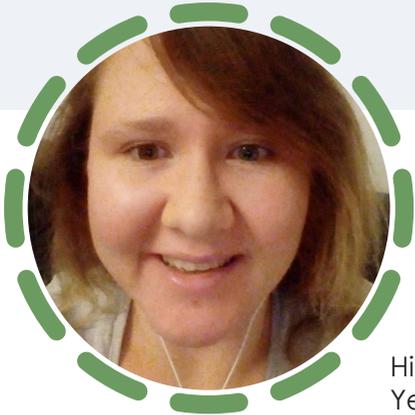
Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

Initially I chose to study at BSFC for the subjects that are offered. But, upon arrival I discovered that the real reason I chose to study there was the exceptional culture and abundance of opportunities that are available to students.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

In hindsight, the piece of advice I would give myself when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College... do it all again, exactly the same way.

**“The exceptional
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opportunities that
are available to
students.”**



Haylea

Rudge

English Teacher in France

High school: **Pensby High School For Girls**
Years attended BSFC: **2009-2011**

What subjects did you study?

History
General Studies
Psychology
BTEC Certificate Medical Science

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

I knew I wanted to work with children, whether as an educational psychologist or something else but had no fixed idea. The biggest thing was that I wanted to go to University.

What did you do after your time at College?

I went straight to the University of Bristol - I managed to go to uni just before the fee hike!

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

My favourite subject was Science. The main name I remember is Karlee who is Head of Science now, and I think that Sue was another great teacher but I also loved Psychology!

Give us one of your favourite College memories!

So many great memories. I used to climb the purple leaved trees in Birkenhead Park and when it was cold outside, just chill with friends next to the radiator on the main corridor. The whole place was so relaxed. It was so different from high school where you didn't have any freedom (unless you were a prefect!). BSFC prepared me massively for university. Despite being there for only two years, I keep in touch with more people from College than from high school.

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

The freedom; that it was mixed; that it just felt like a great place to push my potential. I didn't want to stick to the norm (for example, staying at the high school sixth form.) When I went to the College open day and evening, I just felt so empowered and had such a great feeling. I just had to choose the College.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

I think I would have picked French instead of History but i'm not doing too badly now as I have been living in France for two years (dreams do come true). You can become a resident of France with only a GCSE in French (I only got a C!).

**“Genuinely,
BSFC was a life
changer for me.”**



Louis

Earley

MA in Research Psychology

High school: **Hilbre High School**
Years attended BSFC: **2015-2017**

What subjects did you study?

Biology
Chemistry
Psychology
Music

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

When I first started at BSFC, my plan was to go into biomedical science leading into Medicine. I was still determined to follow a plan that I made when I was in Hilbre; at Hilbre my plan was guided by my experiences with certain subjects. However, after experiencing what Psychology was really like at the College, my heart switched to Psychology. Mike Crosby (my personal tutor at College) may remember I almost applied for Biomedical Science & Psychology, but after some serious thought I let go of my previous plan and decided to follow Psychology (a subject I have since completely fallen in love with). My plan now is to either practice Clinical Psychology or go into academia and research in Clinical Psychology.

What did you do after your time at College?

I went to Liverpool John Moores University and studied BSc Psychology, where I attained first class honours degree. I am now studying at the University of Manchester, where I am studying for a Master's of Research in Psychology. After this, I hope to find work in the mental health sector before applying for doctorate programmes.

“I will be forever grateful for the opportunities they gave me.”

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

I couldn't possibly pick one. I remember and massively appreciate them all! Susan and Rachel (Biology), Steve (Chemistry), Victoria (Music), and Amanda and Becky (Psychology). Although, I do have to give special thanks to Amanda and Becky for guiding me into the subject I hope to make my career. I could happily list all the staff though as they all played a part in making the College and making where I am now possible.

Give us one of your favourite College memories!

Again, asking the hard questions! I have so many good memories from College. I could be here all day listing them, from the laughs I used to have with my mates in 8SQ to the spring and summer days in the park between lessons or during lunch. Embarrassing myself in my maiden speech as Head Student, or the regular chats I had with Mike Kilbride about Psychology and our favourite TV shows. There are so many varied memories I have from College and not a single one would I want to forget.

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

I did one year of A Levels in Hilbre, and on Results Day, I didn't get the results I wanted at all. I was completely despondent and was settling down with the idea of carrying on there and 'getting what I would get' until my mum recommended the College to me. A little bit of me clung to Hilbre with some sense of loyalty to where I had been for so long but eventually, I took the plunge and applied to BSFC. The College took me in and I will be forever grateful for the opportunities they gave me.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

Don't ever be scared of taking the plunge, doing an extra year, taking the harder route. Go meet people, make friends, and try all experiences that are open to you. Sometimes these things seem absolutely terrifying, but I promise one of them will be that important catalyst that brings out what you are truly capable of. Whether it's a subject you heard about that you might be interested in, that group of people who seem pretty cool, or that skill that you always wanted to try - they're all worth it and the only waste of time is the opportunity missed!



Hannah

Wade

HR Clerk

High school: **Prenton High School for Girls**
Years attended BSFC: **2012-2014**

What subjects did you study?

English Language & Literature
Film Studies
Applied Science
Sociology

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

Whilst at BSFC, I wanted to go to university and get a degree. I got in to many universities, but as I wasn't sure on what I wanted to do in the future, I decided this wasn't for me and it was the best decision I've made yet as I would've rushed in to something later in life that I didn't want to do. However, saying that, BSFC supported my decisions and helped me throughout my university applications and encouraged me to believe in myself.

What did you do after your time at College?

During College, I worked part time in retail. As soon as I left, I was promoted to manager where I continued to work for six years. I then travelled around South East Asia as part of a career break and took time to decide what I wanted to do. HR was the career I wanted to reach so I studied part time at college in the evenings whilst working full time and gained both my CIPD L3 and L5 qualifications and finally bagged my dream HR job.

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

Neil Stafford, Film Studies- such a down to earth teacher, made every lesson very entertaining.

Give us one of your favourite College memories!

Meeting all of my lifelong friends.

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

My sister attended BSFC prior to me and absolutely loved it. She went on to university afterwards and this influenced me to come here.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

Don't put so much pressure on yourself to succeed. It will come naturally if you just enjoy life and appreciate your College years. Although it may seem hard at the time, they will be by far the best years of your life.

**“They will be by
far the best years
of your life.”**



James Doherty

BT Executive Office

High school: **South Wirral High School**
Years attended BSFC: **2011-2013**

What subjects did you study?

Politics
History
Law
Geography

What did you do after your time at College?

I worked for Bank Fashion as a merchandiser for a number of years before the company went into administration. After this, I lost faith in retail and moved across to BT (as a stop gap). Five years later, I am working in the Executive Office, managing change across all the complaints teams in the business. Leading up to that point, I have worked on the phones, been a trainer and a team leader.

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

It has to be a tie Between Jane (Politics) and Paula (Law). They both were absolutely amazing at bringing their subjects to life, making the lessons engaging and always being so supportive during my more difficult times. I can honestly say that I wouldn't be where I am today without their guidance and support.

“I wanted to challenge myself and become more independent which is something that BSFC helped me do.”

Give us one of your favourite College memories!

It's so hard to pick... would have to be either entering the Bar Mock Trial competition or the summer internship in Whitehall. Both were really brilliant experiences, not only educational but really good fun. We ended up coming 2nd (maybe 3rd) in the competition which was phenomenal! And the internship was a five week, all expenses paid trip to London with an allocation to a number of different departments and the chance to work in them as an intern. I met a great deal of politicians (Boris Johnson, Priti Patel, Baroness Varsi) and other high ranking staff (Director General of HMRC, Private Secretary to Minister of Foreign affairs).

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

There were a number of reasons. A lot of my friends were going instead of staying on at my high school sixth form and the location of the College is brilliant and so easily accessible. But there was more than that – I wanted to escape the comfort of my high school and BSFC had so many subject to choose from that other sixth forms don't. I wanted to challenge myself and become more independent which is something that BSFC helped me to do.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

Don't stress out, don't panic and don't worry. Life is full of ups and downs – College is important, don't get me wrong, but it's not just the grades you get in your subjects: it's the life skills you learn. Pay attention, learn all you can and life will turn out okay.



Georgia

Hetherington

BSc in Archaeology

High school: **Upton Hall School**
Years attended BSFC: **2015-2017**

What subjects did you study?

Psychology
Applied Science
History

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

I wanted to do something involving science. I wasn't quite sure what but decided to go to university to study Archaeology.

What did you do after your time at College?

I went straight to the University of Liverpool to study a BSc in Archaeology. I graduated in 2020 with a 2:1 and I am now studying a Master's in Environmental Science.

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

My favourite teacher was Jade Powell. She supported me majorly throughout College and aided in helping manage my anxiety and focus on my work and revision to the best of my abilities.

My favourite subject was definitely Applied Science. It was a great class environment, and the teachers were so supportive and always wanting to help us achieve the best possible grade.

“The teachers were so interactive and I loved the environment.”

Give us one of your favourite College memories!

I loved every Applied Science class. They were so interactive and I loved the environment; it was really fun to learn. I especially loved the class in which we found out our own blood type.

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

I had a rough time in my high school and was after a new start. I had always heard great things about BSFC from other students, so it seemed like the best option.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

Enjoy it while you can. College only lasts a couple of years but it's the most enjoyable two years you'll have.



Connor Breen

Professional Musician

High school: **St John Plessington**
Years attended BSFC: **2010-2012**

What subjects did you study?

Music
Media Studies
Film Studies

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

I wanted to be a full time musician, that never changed. I went on to West Cheshire College to study Music Practice, started a new band, then I went to University at BIMM Manchester to study professional musicianship, from which I got some work as a session musician through the connections i made at uni. I've played gigs all over the country, both as a session musician and with my band, Raised By Wolves, and we've recorded a lot of music. Now I'm trying to set up a business as a holistic music performance coach.

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

Gary Small, Film Studies. I got on with Gary and found his lessons and way of teaching engaging. I also enjoyed the content of the lessons and analysing films.

Give us one of your favourite College memories!

My favourite memory of College was the social life, making so many new friends who would end up becoming some of my best friends, and always having someone to talk to - never a lonely day.

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

I knew a few of my friends were going, and knew if I went I wouldn't be alone. Everyone's in the same boat of being new.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

Spend less time in Birkenhead Park and more time studying!

**“Always having
someone to
talk to - never
a lonely day.”**



Mollie Jones

Community Care Worker

High school: **Prenton High School for Girls**
Years attended BSFC: **2013-2015**

What subjects did you study?

Sociology
Religious Studies
English Language
Media Studies

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

Whilst in College, I knew I wanted to do something in writing - maybe a journalist and/or a fiction author. I ended up going onto university where I discovered that I didn't want to be a journalist but definitely wanted to go into publishing or lecturing. Once I left university, I still wrote but I went into support and care work instead. I still one day want to write and publish a novel though but it's definitely more of a hobby than a career-dream now.

What did you do after your time at College?

I went onto University in Bangor, Wales where I studied Creative & Professional Writing for three years. I then moved back home to the Wirral for the summer before moving to Cornwall where I am now, to set up life with my now-fiancé, and I am a community care worker.

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

My favourite teacher was Claire in Sociology. She was very genuine, honest and caring and she helped me throughout all aspects of my College life. I did enjoy Sociology and found it probably the most interesting subject, but it was hard work! My favourite subject was probably Media Studies. I had a lot of friends in that class. It was fun and creative and I learnt a lot about film and TV which I have a big passion for anyway.

**“It felt like
a safe,
supportive environment
to learn to
be an adult.”**

Give us one of your favourite College memories!

My main happy memories take place in Media and in the food hall as I had a big group of supportive friends, and every time I spent time them was filled with fun and laughter.

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

For practical reasons - it was close enough for me to get to every day. I knew people who had been there and enjoyed it. I also knew a lot of people who were going there so I felt I wouldn't completely be alone. It definitely appealed to me as it promoted preparing students for university life; it felt like a safe and supportive environment to learn to be an adult and to take on more adult responsibilities.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

I would tell myself simply that everything is going to work out fine. No matter what difficult things you face, there is always a solution. I'd tell myself to hold on tight as it's going to be a rocky road, but that I was about to learn a lot about myself and that I'd be making life-long friends. I truly feel that BSFC helped shape me into who I am today. And also, I'd tell myself to study more and study harder and to get my priorities right. It's a big leap from GCSEs to A Levels!



Ethan

Mair

BA in Contemporary Media Practice

High school: **Caldy Grange Grammar School**
Years attended BSFC: **2013-2015**

What subjects did you study?

History
English Language & Literature
Media Studies

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

I had no idea at all what I wanted to do in the future when I started at BSFC but after a few months there it quickly became a choice between something involving creative writing or going into the TV/Film industry!

When I left, I had to make a choice to focus on one of these two and it came down to me sticking with the media route in the end.

What did you do after your time at College?

I went straight from BSFC to the University of Westminster thanks to attaining a great set of grades from my time at College. I studied Contemporary Media practice at uni and had a solid foundation to do so after my experience studying Media at BSFC.

Since graduating in 2018, I've had a range of freelancing and office jobs in everything from film to radio and creative roles in start-up companies. Things have slowed down since 2020 due to everything going on in the world but hopefully, we are about to see the end of all that (fingers crossed!).

“The passion each teacher had for their subject was simply amazing.”

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

Jon, Ronan and Joe from the English department, and Lauren from the Media dept. (Can't make me pick just one?)
English Literature with Jon was definitely a highlight subject!

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

I chose to study at BSFC because of the immediate welcoming atmosphere as soon as I walked in at an open event. The passion each teacher had for their subject was simply amazing.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

Take advantage of all the opportunities available because a lot of them might not come again!



Erin Johnson

High school: **The Whitby High School**
Years attended BSFC: **2018-2020**

BSc in Geography

What subjects did you study?

Geography
Chemistry
Mathematics

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

I was not that sure what I wanted to do and changed my mind frequently. By the time I left College, I still wasn't 100% sure but I knew I wanted it to do with geography or the environmental sector.

What did you do after your time at College?

Went on to study Geography at the University of Liverpool.

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

My favourite subject was Geography because not only did I enjoy the subject, but the class was so interactive and friendly. Everybody in the lessons was friendly and got along. The teacher, Sandy, was also very passionate about the subject, cared if we did well and wanted us to excel. It was a lesson that I always left either smiling or laughing.

Give us one of your favourite College memories!

Either sitting in 8SQ with my friends during a free and coming up with a remake of I Want It That Way, or the 1st year Geography trip to Wales, where after being out in the cold all day, we all sat in the kitchen at night with cups of tea playing Uno, chatting and just having a laugh.

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

My sixth form was limited in what subjects they offered and limited what subject combinations that you could do together. BSFC all just felt a lot more welcoming and like a more enjoyable and supportive place to be.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

Don't be afraid to just speak to people if you don't know anyone and don't be afraid to talk to your teachers when stuck, even if it's the first week. They appreciate it when students are willing to put in the work and asking for help shows that you actually care about whether or not you do well.

“BSFC just felt a lot more welcoming and like a more enjoyable, supportive place to be.”



Jack

Millington

Tutor at BSFC

High school: **The Birkenhead Park School**
Years attended BSFC: **2011-2013**

What subjects did you study?

English Literature
I.T.
Business Studies
Applied Science

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

I wanted to go into accounting as a career goal from as early as 13! But when I left College, during my university studies, I found I wanted to focus more on supporting people whilst continuing to do a moderate amount of investment finance alongside it. I sort of accidentally fell into education by getting a job here and now I don't plan on leaving education as it has worked out rather nicely.

What did you do after your time at College?

I never really left College! After leaving university, I applied for a job here and ended up employed within six weeks of leaving university. For the summer holidays before I joined full-time College work, I ended up getting a qualified certification with the Wales Biodiversity Partnership where I trained as a tree surgeon alongside the restoration of woodland. I still do it to this day because I like to keep busy!

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

Tough one to be honest as I loved all my subjects and teachers. I'd say Business just about edges it. I really enjoyed the course and it was particularly fun. I had Clare Hornell as my teacher and I always looked forward to sitting in lessons and learning quite a lot of content which really helped me at university. Plus Clare is an absolutely great character!

“Being able to express myself and that allowed me to grow as a person.”

Give us one of your favourite College memories!

I'd made quite a lot of new friends from different social groups in my first year and in late June, we had an absolute scorcher of a day. I was outside at the main gates at around lunchtime and by odd coincidence these groups of friends all came together outside the gates and I made a suggestion we should go get some ice cream and sit in Birkenhead Park before we went to our final lesson for the day. Honestly, we spent two or three hours in the heat just all talking, sharing stories and eating ice cream whilst getting sunburnt! But it was a great moment, certainly one we still reminisce about to this day.

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

I chose to study at BSFC because of the support I got with going to university which was always my aim when I was younger. When I went to the open evenings, I really enjoyed the atmosphere of the place and the teacher vibes alongside the facilities which were really beneficial. One big reason alongside all of this though was being able to express myself and that allowed me to grow as a person.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

Get involved with everything! Join clubs and societies because you get to meet so many like-minded people!

“I came to BSFC by myself and never felt alone once.”



Jess Murphy

Sociology Teacher

High school: **St John Plessington**
Years attended BSFC: **2014-2016**

What subjects did you study?

English Language
Religious Studies
Sociology

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

I originally wanted to be a police officer and therefore chose to do Criminology at the University of Liverpool.

What did you do after your time at College?

When an opportunity came up to work at BSFC, I changed my mind. I loved attending this College and now love working here.

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

My favourite teacher was Claire Morgan who took me for Year 2 Sociology. She was so enthusiastic and made her lessons seem effortless due to the knowledge she had on crime and religion. I was so engaged throughout her lessons.

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

I chose to study at BSFC as I wanted a brand new experience of education. The College seemed so exciting. You were granted more independence and could make so many more friends. It also allowed me to study the courses I wanted to, which were not an option at SJP.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

I would advise myself not to stress about making friends. I came to BSFC by myself and never felt alone once here. I met some of the funniest people and do not regret leaving my school one bit.



Jack Clare History MA

High school: **Woodchurch High School**
Years attended BSFC: **2017-2019**

What subjects did you study?

Physics
History
Maths
Chemistry

What did you want to do in the future whilst studying at BSFC? Did it change when you left?

I was pretty sure from the start that I wanted to do something to do with History as that was my best subject. I think my time at BSFC helped cement that belief and put me on the path to doing that.

What did you do after your time at College?

Since leaving, I have done a History and Archaeology degree then a Master's in History, both at University of Chester. I've also worked at various attractions in Liverpool including Liverpool Football Club, the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Hall, The Beatles Story and the Merseyside Maritime Museum.

Who was your favourite teacher/subject and why?

As you can probably guess, History was my favourite with Jane Cavanagh as my History teacher while at BSFC. She really helped build up my confidence in my abilities and got me to enjoy my favourite subject again. She really cared about getting the best out of all of us in lessons and wanted us to do well.

“I felt comfortable when attending open days at BSFC”

Give us one of your favourite College memories!

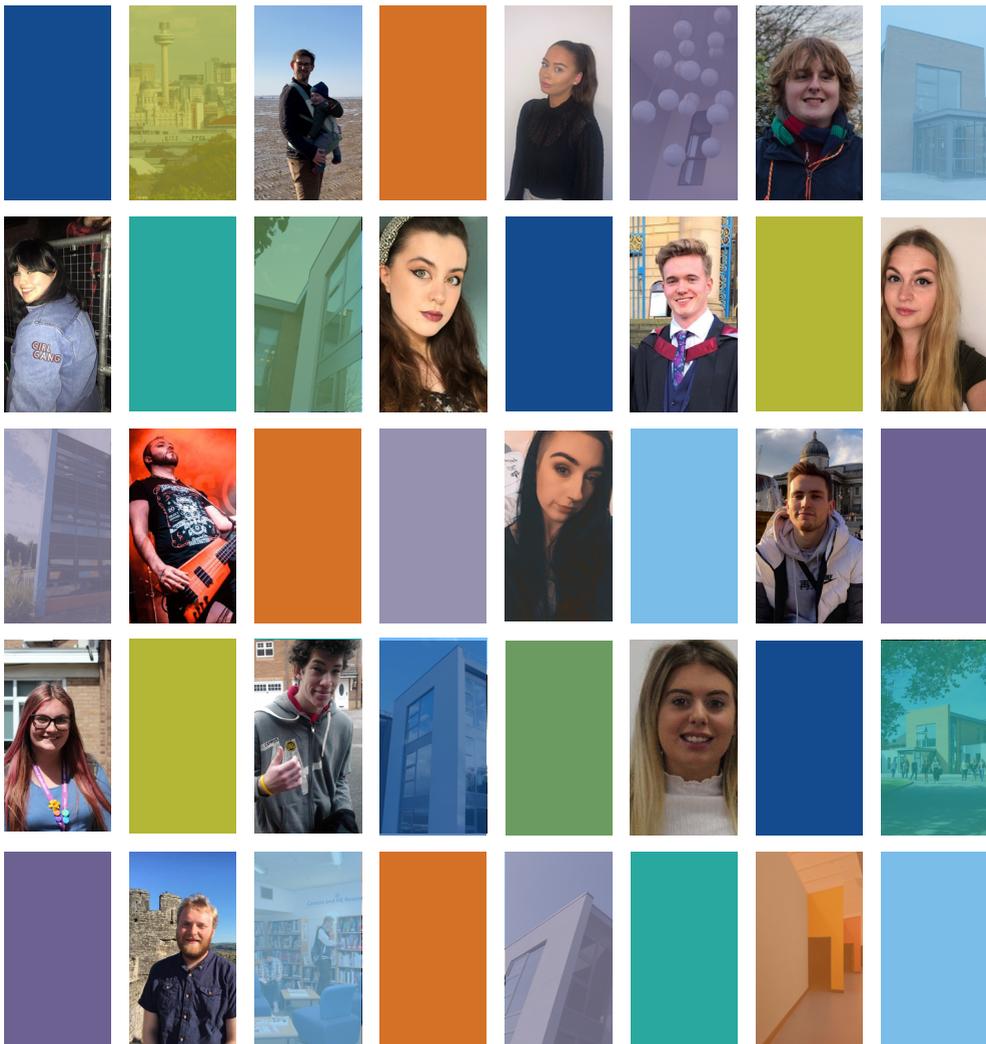
The History trip to York and Lincoln was a great trip learning about the medieval cities and cathedrals. Memories of that trip are still brought up to this day when I meet up with friends who were there, including a wooden sword sparring match between a student and one of the teachers at Clifford's Tower.

Why did you choose to study at BSFC?

The courses available sounded really interesting to me and I felt comfortable when attending open days at BSFC. I had an idea of what I wanted to do and BSFC felt like the best place to go in order to get there. The staff were lovely and really helpful so it made the decision quite easy when choosing where to go to do my A Levels.

With hindsight, what is a piece of advice you would give your younger self when starting Birkenhead Sixth Form College?

Don't be afraid to ask teachers to go over something again with you or ask for advice.



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