

## **Becky Morley**

left Rugby High in 2012 with A\*AA in Biology, Physics and Chemistry.



### **After University**

I studied Natural Sciences at the University of Bath, taking a course that also offered a placement year, which I spent working at GlaxoSmithKline in Hertfordshire. Whilst I loved my degree and everything I learnt at university, I quickly realised that my personality wasn't compatible with a career in scientific research (I am far too impatient!). Instead I looked for graduate schemes after university to get me on the ladder for a career in some kind of business function. I was very lucky to land on my feet and get a role on a Human Resources graduate scheme at Ocado Group, the online retailer and tech company. Having never had any experience in HR it was quite a risk, but it worked out for the better as I knew this didn't have to be my forever job. Since joining Ocado in 2016 I've worked my way through multiple roles, from recruiter to data analyst, to eventually landing up as a Strategy Manager for the Technology part of the company.

### **Currently**

My current role is a 'Strategy Manager', which is a job title that doesn't mean much to most people! In reality I work for the Management Board, trying to empower them to make the best decisions for the company by helping determine the strategy, write their goals for the next year, or do analysis on opportunities. A lot of my job is looking at the future, thinking about what we want to achieve, and how we are going to get there.

### **What is important in any job**

I think most people will tell you that one of the most important things about any job is the people you work with. I'm very lucky to have great people around me at work, with a pretty relaxed culture and people who like to have fun. This means that even when I have a really tight deadline, or I'm way out of my depth on a task, I know that there are people around to help. If you can find this in your career you're on to a winner!

### **Deciding on a Career**

I don't think I did! I never knew exactly what I wanted to do whilst I was at school, so I've always just rolled with the punches and taken the best opportunity in front of me. As a result I've had to kiss a few frogs, so to speak, before I found a job that worked for me - but learning what you don't want to do in life is just as important!

### **What I have taken from Rugby High**

I don't think I realised this at the time, but Rugby High gifted me with the mindset of 'I can do anything I set my mind to' - something I am eternally grateful for. Rugby High also provided me with my all time best friends, who I know I will have in my life forever.