



I left Rugby High to study Law at the University of Hull and then later trained as a Barrister in Birmingham. I was called to the Bar in 2012 but decided that I wasn't ready to practice so instead went into academia. I now lecture and research Law at Coventry University. My role at Coventry has enabled me to travel around the world, teaching in China and taking part in master classes in Croatia. My career definitely went off on a tangent that I wasn't expecting it to and no doubt it will do so again – in fact I am very much looking forward to it!

Rugby High provided me with the foundations of who I am today. I left RHS with invaluable experiences, a great group of friends and the self-belief that I could do anything if I tried, a skill carefully nurtured by a set of teachers who believed in me long before I did. Some are now retired and others are no longer with us, but I wish that I could thank them and in some cases, apologise for being such hard work.

Your time at school is very precious as, even if you don't enjoy it, you learn from it. What you learn will shape you as you start your lives and careers. I am glad that I was able to learn and progress at Rugby High.

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