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 and Editors Choreographers Craftspeople Dancers Designers Desktop Publishers  
 Graphic Designers Interior Designers Musicians Photographers Producers Singers Website Developers and  
 Designers Writers and Editors Computer Trainers Education Administrators Home Tutors Pre-school Teachers  
 Special Education Teachers Teachers - Community and Adult Education Teachers - Primary and Middle Teachers  
 - Secondary and Upper Level Teaching Assistants Training Specialists and Managers University and College  
 Lecturers Healthcare Anaesthetists Chiropractors Counsellors Dental Hygienists Dental Laboratory Technicians  
 Dentists Dieticians Health Services Managers Home Healthcare Assistants Language Pathologists Medical  
 Assistants Medical Records Specialist Careers Medical Scientists Medical Service Managers Mental Health  
 Workers Midwives Nurses Nursing Assistants Nutritionists Occupational Health and Safety Specialists and  
 Technicians Occupational Therapist Assistants Occupational Therapists Ophthalmic Laboratory Technicians  
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 Technologists Radiological Technologists and Technicians Surgical Technologists Computer Maintenance  
 Computer Programmers and Operators Computer Scientists Computer Software Engineers Information Systems  
 Managers Systems Analysts Systems Developers Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers User  
 Support Personnel Administrative Services Managers Buyers Claims Adjusters, Appraisers, Examiners, and  
 Investigators Community Association Managers Computer Managers Cost Estimators Engineering Managers  
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 Marketing Managers Medical Services Managers Natural Science Managers Promotions Managers Property  
 Managers Public Relations Managers Purchasing Agents Purchasing IT Managers Retail Managing Director  
 Managers Senior Doctor Sales Executives Jewellers Environmental Scientists Service Technicians and  
 Mechanics Tool and Die Makers Clinical Laboratory Archivists Clergy Coaches Correctional Lab Treatment  
 Specialists Correspondents Court Reporters Curators PA to Directors Instructional Co-ordinators Interpreters



## WEST HOLME SCHOOL

# ALUMNI CAREER PATHS

## A SELECTION OF BIOGRAPHIES

QC Magistrates Lawyers Legal Specialists Library Technicians Market Researchers News Analysts Operations  
 Research Analysts Probation Officers Reporters Social Scientists Statisticians Translators Veterinary Surgeons  
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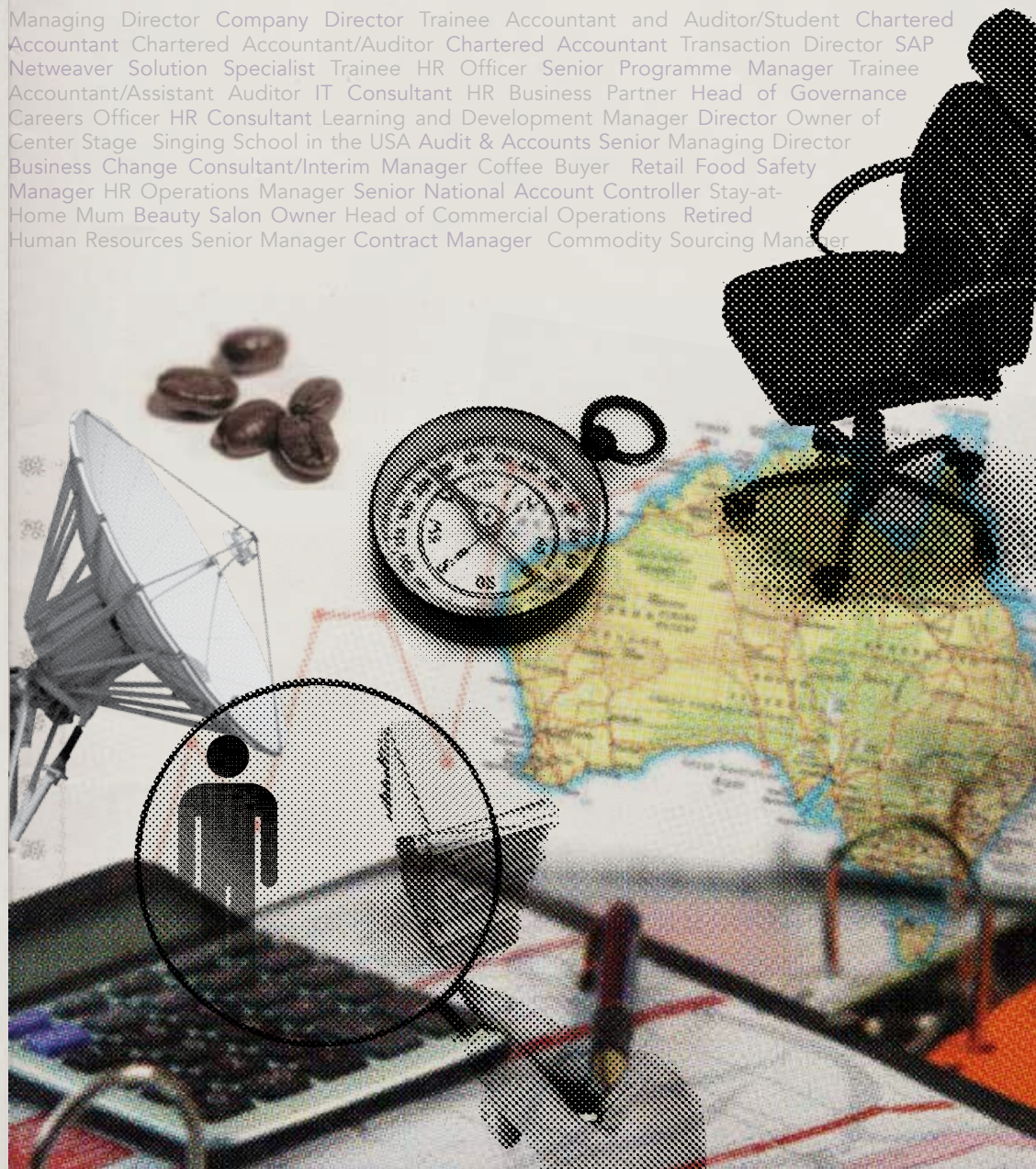
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# Managing Director



**Name** Sarah Avent

**Former Surname** Yates

**Current Job Title** Managing Director

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Newcastle University for degree in Geography BSc

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

One year with British Gas. Two years CIMA Accounting qualifications worked through Accounts to Sales, to Sales Director, eventually to Managing Director of stainless steel stockholding and fabricating company.

# Company Director



**Name** Elaine Parker

**Former Surname** McAreavey

**Current Job Title** Company Director

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

John Moores University – 2:1 Environmental Science. Worked my way up from a Lab Technician through Lab Manager to Quality Manager at various companies. Before setting up company with husband I was Quality Manager at Devonport Dockyard (5000 employees).

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Quality standards and management across a range of industries. Currently in the construction industry. I am heavily involved in implementing the code for sustainable homes and am responsible for the company environmental policies. We are partners with the International Year of Biodiversity (UK). The attention to detail developed through studying the sciences at Westholme have proved invaluable.



# Trainee Accountant and Auditor/Student



**Name** Stephanie-Emma Garrett

**Current Job Title** Trainee Accountant and Auditor/Student

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Lancaster University to study a BSc Hons Accounting, Auditing and Finance degree involving work placements at Ernst & Young in Leeds. The course includes various aspects of support from Ernst & Young and leads to a fast track of Chartered Accountant status and reduces qualifying time by almost 2 years!

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Although a very challenging process, I gained a wide variety of experience in the application stages of my degree. As the course is an Ernst & Young sponsored course, various online tests were completed on top of the usual UCAS application, and after this was successful an interview with Ernst & Young had to be passed. I am now working hard at University and looking forward to starting my work placements next year. The degree encompasses 18 months of placements and allows exemption from various professional accounting exams, speeding up the qualification. Working for Ernst & Young provides vast experiences and training, while allowing the opportunity to work with some of the largest companies in the country!





# Chartered Accountant

**Name** Jennifer Whiteside

**Current Job Title** Chartered Accountant –  
qualified December 2009

## Destination after leaving Westholme

The Liverpool University – then trainee Chartered Accountant  
with Tenon.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

Specialise in Audit – currently on a secondment  
to Australia – working on projects in Perth, Brisbane  
and Melbourne.



# Chartered Accountant/ Auditor

**Name** Helen Carter

**Former Surname** Knagg

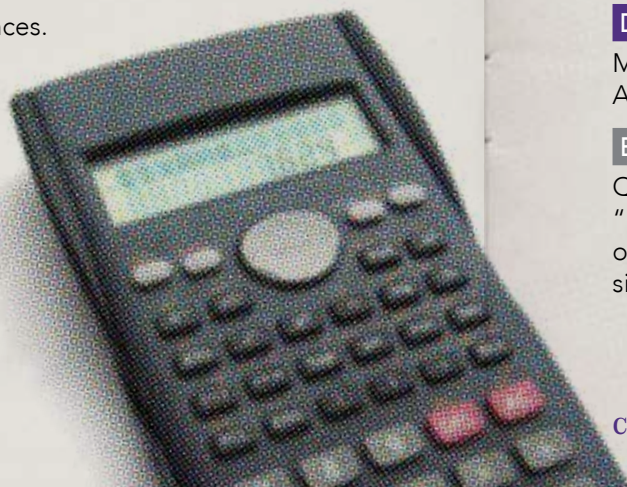
**Current Job Title** Chartered Accountant/Auditor

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Warwick University to study management sciences.  
Trained as a Chartered Accountant with KPMG  
in Manchester. From 1996 to present, working  
at a local accountancy firm in Burnley.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

Specialise in charity accounts/overseas trust/  
company audits.



# Chartered Accountant

**Name** Julie Meadows

**Former Surname** Kellett

**Current Job Title** Chartered Accountant

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Salford University: BSc Business Operation & Control – Trained in practice as a  
Chartered Accountant – left practice to work for BAE Systems for circa 9 years  
in Finance and Commercial roles – currently work for a private family trust fund  
based in North West and hold a number of non-exec director roles.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

Finance and Accountancy – Commercial – Non-executive Director for  
The Ombudsman Services Limited (Telecoms, Energy and Surveyors) and  
The Chorley & District Building Society.



# Transactions Director

**Name** Ann Brennan

**Former Surname** Warland

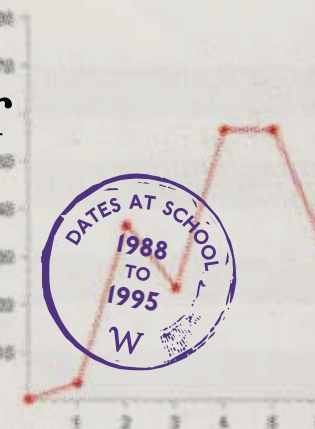
**Current Job Title** Transactions Director –  
Tax at GE (General Electric)

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Maths at New College, Oxford then ACA training whilst working for Arthur  
Andersen in London.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

Qualified Accountant, specialising in Corporate Tax, 7 years working for  
"Big 4" Accountancy Firm, then moved to an in-house role at GE. Advise  
on group restructurings, refinancings, acquisitions, disposals and other  
significant UK and international transactions.



# SAP Netweaver Solution Specialist



**Name** Cilla Martin-Yeung

**Former Surname** Yeung

**Current Job Title** SAP Netweaver Solution Specialist

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Leeds Metropolitan University/University of Central Lancashire

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Worked in IT since graduating – now working for outsourcing company CSC, where I have been for almost 10 years. My primary role is as a SAP Netweaver Solution Specialist but I am also a Team Lead. We install and maintain, via upgrades and support/monitoring, SAP implementations for companies such as BAE Systems and British Nuclear (as was). SAP is an ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) application that can be used to manage and consolidate the business functions within these organisations, e.g. Finance, HR, Planning and Manufacturing, Supply Chain into one system. As one of the Team Leads, I manage the scheduling and resourcing of support and project work on the accounts for which I am responsible. Other responsibilities include time management and performing appraisals as well as the day to day running of the team.

# Trainee HR Officer



**Name** Aimee McCreedy

**Current Job Title** Trainee HR officer at Medair (humanitarian org) at RS International HQ in Lausanne, CH

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Pembroke College, Cambridge – BA Theology & RS/MPhil Psychology of Religion. Japan – Academic Exchange. Switzerland – world of work.

# Senior Programme Manager

**Name** Joanna Sutherland

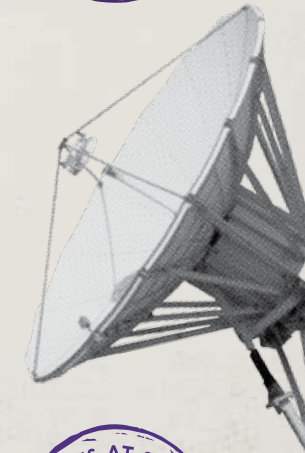
**Current Job Title** Senior Programme Manager

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Uxbridge University Applied Computer Science (BSc 2.2)  
Prince 2 Qualified – internationally recognised professional qualification

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Career path through software development and test in the telecoms industry through customer support, new product introduction and network deployments for international customers has given the practical and technical experience necessary for me to now manage complex multi-million pound deployments in Europe, USA & Asia.



# Trainee Accountant/ Assistant Auditor



**Name** Hayley Fisher

**Current Job Title** Trainee Accountant/Assistant Auditor

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Newcastle University to study Spanish and Business Studies

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

I am currently working for the National Audit Office having received a place on their Graduate scheme in April 2009. If all goes well I'll qualify as a Chartered Accountant in April 2012, 7 more exams to go! Before starting this job, I worked at the Land Registry for two years.



# IT Consultant



**Name** Clare Johnson

**Former Surname** Winder

**Current Job Title** IT Consultant

## Destination after leaving Westholme

1) Accrington & Rossendale College – BTEC Business Studies 2) Year out in industry 3) Liverpool John Moores University – BSc (Hons) Technology Management

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

I am an IT consultant (freelance) and work on software installations/upgrades projects in Finance & Human Resources. I develop software, support live systems and consult – whatever is required. My contracts can be from a couple of weeks to a few years. As well as funding lovely handbags and shoes, it has funded a year in Australia where I contracted on various projects in Sydney, and now I can work anywhere in Europe or in the world if I wanted. Working for yourself can be hard, but it also allows you to pick and choose your work when it's busy, but you have to be prepared to take terrible jobs during quiet periods – getting up at 3.15 on a Monday morning to fly to Amsterdam and doing a long day at work is not glamorous! The work is varied and you meet lots of people, and as it's project based there is always an end in sight. It's a small industry that I work in and a good reputation and great contacts are very important.

# HR Business Partner



**Name** Harriet Hoyle

**Current Job Title** HR Business Partner, Lloyds of London

## Destination after leaving Westholme

University of Newcastle Upon Tyne – Geography degree

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

MA – Human Resources Management & CIPD Qualified (2001)

HR Officer – Audit Commission – Chorley (2002-3)

HR Officer → HR Manager, Ashurst Law Firm (2003 – 2007) (London)

HR Business Partner, Lloyd's of London (2007 – present)

# Head of Governance



**Name** Philippa Armstrong

**Current Job Title** Head of Governance

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Bristol – University of West England. Studied Psychology (BSc Hons)

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

My role is an enhanced company secretary role. I am ICSH qualified and manage 4 boards and 2 committees with a total of 40 directors. I'm responsible for statutory and regulatory compliance together with board recruitment and performance – now working in the 3rd sector (Housing). I have also worked with Stock Exchange listed companies both FTSE 100 and AIM listed.



# Careers Officer

**Name** Amanda Sinclair

**Former Surname** Hampshaw

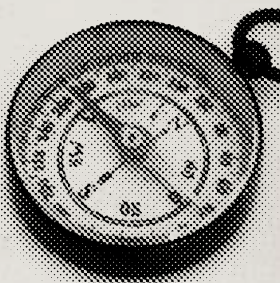
**Current Job Title** Careers Officer – National Star College

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Gap Year as House Matron/Sacred Heart Girls' College, New Zealand  
→ St. Andrew's University → Gap Year teaching English in Sri Lanka

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Careers IAG – Qualification & Diploma in Careers Guidance (Manchester Met)/3 years as a Connexions Adviser in Lincoln (NVQ4 in Advice & Guidance) Previous qualifications – 1st class MA (Hons) Social Anthropology (University of St. Andrews)



# HR Consultant

**Name** Gillian Kemp

**Current Job Title** HR Consultant – doing interim contracts

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

BA (Hons) in Business Studies at Manchester Polytechnic (now Manchester Met University). Achieved sponsorship at Uni and post graduation with Norweb – then electricity utility provider.

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

HR professional for over 20 years, primarily working in Telecommunications industry (BT and latterly O2). Specialised in performance management and employee engagement and motivation. Fortunate to have worked overseas and in cross-cultural teams.

# Learning and Development Manager

**Name** Sarah Montgomery

**Former Surname** Twiddy

**Current Job Title** Learning and Development Manager

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Bolton University where I achieved a 2:1 in Human Resource Management

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

I started my career as a Human Resources Assistant for Airtours then secured a similar post for the North West Ambulance Service in 2002. I gained valuable generalist HR experience and completed my CIPD post graduate diploma in HRM before specialising in Learning and Development. In my current role I am responsible for leadership and management development, e-learning, team development and one-to-one feedback and coaching. We were the first ambulance service in the UK to become an accredited centre with the Chartered Management Institute to deliver level 2 and 3 diplomas in management and I lead, design and deliver these programmes in-house for our managers.



# Director

**Name** Emma Huepfl

**Former Surname** Slinger

**Current Job Title** Director, Laxfield Capital

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Oxford University

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Running a small business generating deals for overseas banks wishing to lend money in the UK commercial property market.





# Owner of Singing School

**Name** Vera Robinson

**Former Surname** Haime

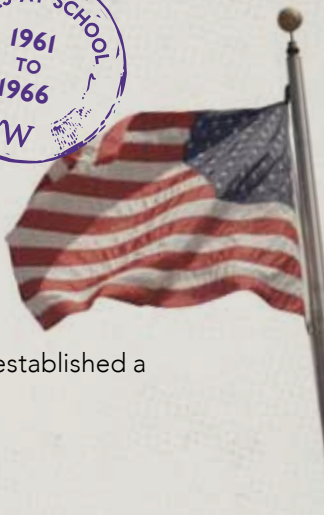
**Current Job Title** Owner of Center Stage Singing School in the USA

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Northern College of Music in Manchester

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Professional singer and musician for 15 years. Signed to Warner Bros. Established a singing school in Sussex in 1997. Trained as a counsellor in 2005-08. Emigrated to Washington DC. Married an American. Now established a singing school and a counselling service here.



# Audit & Accounts Senior

**Name** Sarah Parker

**Former Surname** Grindrod

**Current Job Title** Audit & Accounts Senior

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Newcastle University to study accounting & finance before securing a training contract (ICAEW) at PM+M in Blackburn. I qualified there and then moved to Pierce Accountants, Blackburn.

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

I prepare accounts for companies and sole-traders. This also involves personal tax planning and calculating corporation tax liabilities. I audit companies and assist with company secretarial work. I also prepare monthly management accounts for clients. I am also required to assist with ad-hoc work.



# Managing Director

**Name** Erika Hazelgrove

**Former Surname** Clegg

**Current Job Title** Managing Director

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

From school I went to London University where I read English. A recession started and when I left university there were very few available jobs in my chosen field, advertising. I sold print for a company in Hammersmith for a while, largely to ad agencies. That led to an opening as a grad trainee at a small agency called AMD, in Kensington. The boss there became my mentor – and bane of my life! She was supportive of successes and utterly intolerant of mistakes, and within three years I was a senior Account Director, what's more the agency was huge. For more creative experience I then joined Attik, where clients included MTV and Julien McDonald. Then things took an odd turn, my new boyfriend had a three year old daughter who needed a mum and so I gave up my fab career and moved to Sussex to look after her. When she was older, we decided my skills would be useful again. I'd kept a few clients of my own, just to pay my mortgage etc. So we grew that up into a proper agency called Spring, moving up to Suffolk to do so. Spring now includes the Conservative Party and Champagne Bollinger amongst its clients. My role has become to get in the business, help generate good creative ideas and take the flack when things go wrong! An international opportunity has just opened up too. It's all great fun.

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Since launching Spring in late 2005, my role has been to develop new business, oversee work the agency generates and to create and adapt our own business strategy, including our development into a full-service agency and strong moves towards an enhanced digital and PR offering. Spring - now in the Design Week Top 100 - is an inspiring place for our clients, producing stunning, on-brief creative work that helps them generate business. We work principally with tourism, food and drink, property, luxury brands and the arts across the UK, as well as a wide range of regional companies and initiatives in the east. I also ensure that the directors and staff of Spring follow our ethical code at all times, and direct Spring's many community and charitable activities. I have steered the company through consistent strong growth, with our third year reporting a 30% increase in turnover despite the recession. We are also founder members of Suffolk communications group, The Spinnaker Alliance.





# Business Change Consultant/Interim Manager



**Name** Lesley Ann Quinn

**Former Surname** Hunt

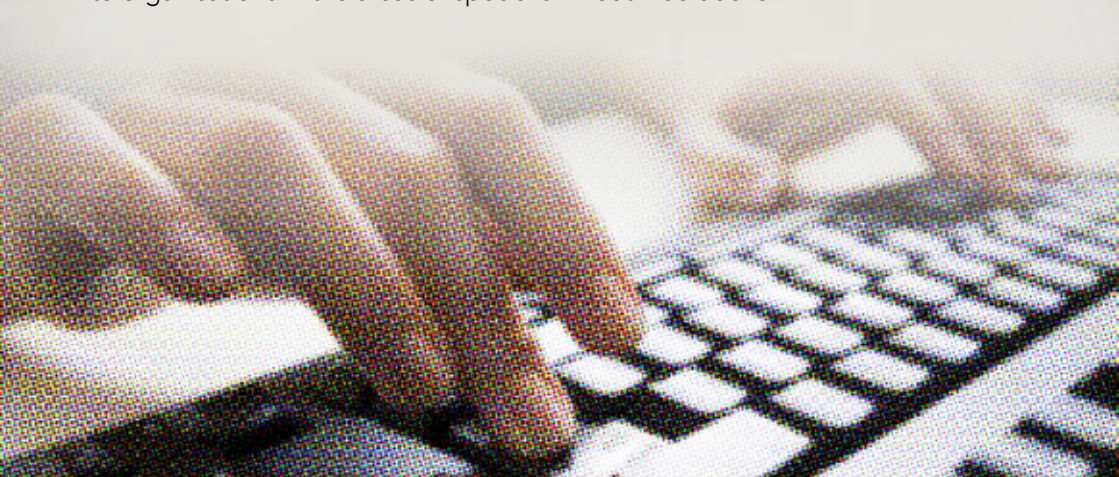
**Current Job Title** Business Change Consultant/ Interim Manager

## Destination after leaving Westholme

I went straight to work at Barclays Bank plc plus in the evenings I went to Burnley College to do a BTEC in Business and Finance.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

My career in Barclays spanned 22 years and whilst there I undertook a variety of roles. When I joined Barclays I worked in a Barclays retail branch serving customers and doing junior/entry level work. After 5 years I was successful in moving into Barclays IT department and at the age of 24 took up my first management role. By the age of 25 I had a team of 65 and from there I spent many years in IT Service Management, Project/Programme Management and Business Change Management which are the areas I now specialise in. During this time I led teams of up to 200 people, across multiple locations significantly transformed departments and services and delivered large programmes with budgets up to £20 million. Barclays sponsored me through my MBA which I achieved in 2005. I decided to leave Barclays in 2007 and I am now self-employed, providing consulting/interim management services to organisations in the areas of specialism I outlined above.



# Coffee Buyer



**Name** Hannah Eatough

**Current Job Title** Coffee Buyer

## Destination after leaving Westholme

I took a gap year before going to university and worked as an English Language assistant at a language school in Mendoza, Argentina. I then studied Hispanic Studies at the university of Nottingham, spending my 3rd year as an English Language assistant at a university in Caracas, Venezuela. Following graduation, I spent 6 months travelling around Latin America, starting in Cuba and finishing in Argentina, with Frances Lawson (also an Old Westholmian). On returning to the UK, I got a place on the graduate scheme at Bettys & Taylors of Harrogate. I have now been working there for 6 years.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

I joined Bettys & Taylors of Harrogate on the graduate scheme and I initially spent 'taster weeks' in various departments. I knew early on, however, that coffee buying was the department for me and I was offered a job as a trainee coffee buyer. My training involved spending almost 6 months in coffee growing countries with a number of our suppliers – I went to Nicaragua, El Salvador, Brazil and Kenya. Here, I developed my tasting skills and learnt about all coffee processing & production, from planting to export. I also became a fully qualified social auditor and I have since conducted numerous social audits of the estates and cooperatives that we buy from. I am now responsible for our purchasing from a number of key origins – Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, Panama and Rwanda. One of the best parts of my job is the opportunity for travel. I also get to put my language skills to good practice. I was recently part of the first group of qualified Q-Graders in the UK – this is the only professional qualification available for coffee tasters and involves sitting 22 exams in 3 days to test your sensory skills. Tasting between 200-300 cups of coffee a day at work certainly helped with these exams!





# Retail Food Safety Manager

**Name** Claire Hussey

**Former Surname** Baldwin

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Bath Uni – BSc (Hons) Home Ec

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

On graduating joined J.Sainsbury Supermarkets Ltd. - various roles. Ended career with J.S in 2004 as Retail Food Safety Manager responsible for all retail sites. Set up Safer Food – Food Safety, H&S & Fire Safety consultancy.



# HR Operations Manager

**Name** Phillipa Dunn

**Current Job Title** HR Operations Manager,  
Bloomingdale's, Dubai

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

University of Sheffield 2000 – 2003 BSc(Hons) Psychology/John Lewis Partnership 2003 – 2010 Graduate training scheme; store management; specialism in Human Resources. Working in Central London stores, Bristol and Southampton; Experience gained in stores, Head Office and supporting johnlewis.com internet site.

MSc Human Resources Management London South Bank University 2010 – studied part-time 2 evenings per week whilst working at John Lewis Partnership/Bloomingdale's Dubai 2010 – present HR Operations Manager working for A1 Tayer Insignia who manage the majority of luxury brand stores across the UAE.

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Retail Management Human Resources working in Dubai.



# Senior National Account Controller

**Name** Claire Taylor

**Current Job Title** Senior National Account Controller,  
Nestlé Cereals

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

University of Exeter

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

2003 - present Nov 2010 starting a new Role at Premier Foods as Promotions & Pricing Controller. Worked at Nestlé Cereals since 2003. Started in retailer marketing as customer marketing manager supporting the account managers and controllers, organising marketing that aligns to the brand teams plans for the year including retailers magazines, coupon at till programmes through Tesco Clubcard, Sainsbury's Nectar Card, cross category links with fruit, pack promotions with Dreamworks, Disney etc. Promoted to Business Manager at Tesco (stopped the marketing side of things.) Managed the business relationship. Moved into a central role as customer marketing and trade controller setting promotional spend budgets and strategy. Currently look after the Sainsbury's, Waitrose and Marks & Spencer accounts as Senior Business Controller.



# Stay-at-Home Mum

**Name** Zarrine Dye

**Former Surname** Ghiassi

**Current Job Title** Stay-at-home mum

**Destination after leaving Westholme** LSE

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Previously worked for Deloitte in the area of remuneration consultancy. Been full-time stay-at-home mum since 2007.



# Beauty Salon Owner



**Name** Angela Kay Whelan

**Current Job Title** Beauty Salon Owner

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Abraham Moss College, Manchester and Lillian Mains Beauty School, Chester

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

I am qualified to NVQ level 3 in beauty therapy and have my teaching and assessing certificate. Over the years I have done training courses to keep up with the latest treatments and attended marketing and business courses. I have owned my beauty salon for 12 years. I am very qualified in all aspects of beauty and also taught at the local college for a short while.

# Director



**Name** Alison Timperley

**Current Job Title** Director, Business Recovery and Insolvency Services Team, Cooper Parry LLP.

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Leicester University to study English and French Law with the intention of practising in France.

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Once I decided I did not want to become a lawyer, my focus changed to the police force. Shortly after graduating my application was rejected and I had no contingency plan. I was about to move to Guildford to do a P.A. course when a local business advisor from KPMG LLP who frequented the pub in which I worked, asked if I'd ever thought about corporate recovery. Accountancy did not appeal but a local insolvency practitioner took me to lunch to explain; I applied for a post at KPMG which I obtained in September 1997. I took a 5 month career break in 2005 to travel South America, left KPMG LLP in 2007 to take a post in industry, quickly being promoted to group F.C. and joined Cooper Parry LLP in August 2008.

# Head of Commercial Operations



**Name** Claire Gardner

**Current Job Title** Head of Commercial Operations, Royal Institution of Great Britain

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

University College London (BA History of Art), Whitbread PLC, Royal Institution of Great Britain

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Trained with Whitbread in pub management after leaving UCL, ran several pubs for the Hogshead chain in London. Currently managing the commercial side of the Royal Institution.

# Retired



**Name** Michael Ian Harwood

**Current Job Title** Retired

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Oatlands Preparatory School, Malvern College, Bradford University – B.Pharm Dip Chemical Engineering, Boots the Chemist, Burroughs Wellcome – Wellcome GSK

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

I worked for Boots for 4 years and Wellcome for 28 years and then acted as a consultant and lecturer for 10 years. My experience was in production both in technical and line management and project work introducing new facilities. I was involved in production of tablets, capsules, injections, ophthalmic products, creams, ointments, suppositories, liquids, cosmetics and household products. I visited countries in Europe, Africa, North and South America. In summary I really enjoyed my career as it was so varied and stretched my technical and management abilities.





# Human Resources Senior Manager



**Name** Lisa Rose

**Former Surname** Webster

**Current Job Title** Human Resources Senior Manager - Accenture

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Durham University (Modern Languages) Joined Accenture in 1994 straight from University on their Graduate Scheme.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

Accenture is a global management consulting, technology services and outsourcing company. Combining experience and capabilities across all industries and business functions, we collaborate with clients to help them become high-performance businesses and governments. I have worked here for 16 years – 5 years as a Business Change Consultant and then moved into Human Resources in 1999, and have held several UK and European HR Senior Positions. I currently head up our 5 Industry Groups (over 1000 people) and also our Graduate Group (over 600 people).



# Contract Manager



**Name** Clare Logan

**Current Job Title** Contract Manager  
(Veolia Environmental Services)

## Destination after leaving Westholme

1993-1997 Edinburgh University – BSc Environmental Chemistry

1997-1999 Winters spent working in the US, summers temping with a Clinical Waste Management Company

1991 Joined Cleanaway Waste Management Company on their Graduate Management Trainee programme. Left in 2007 for a 12 month career break travelling (probably the best thing I have ever done!!)

2008 Joined Veolia Environmental Services as a Waste Contract Manager.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

The graduate trainee program I attended gave me access to all areas of waste management and a very strong base. From there I focused my attention on hazardous waste and fell into hazardous waste logistics. Waste (and transport) is very highly regulated so I am required to know both UK and EU legislation thoroughly. I also have professional health and safety qualifications which are very important to my current role. After my career break I returned to the waste industry and am now a Waste Contract Manager based on a client site (currently a crude oil terminal – an interesting and very male dominated environment) and I manage all aspects of their waste on site. Along with this I project manage large tank cleans and other industrial cleaning work. My role is as 'waste expert' to the client and so it is important that I am continually up to date with legislation as well as new and emergent waste technologies. I have financial responsibility for my contract so accountancy skills are required too.





# Commodity Sourcing Manager



**Name** Kate Carter

**Current Job Title** Commodity Sourcing Manager,  
Goodrich Actuation Systems

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

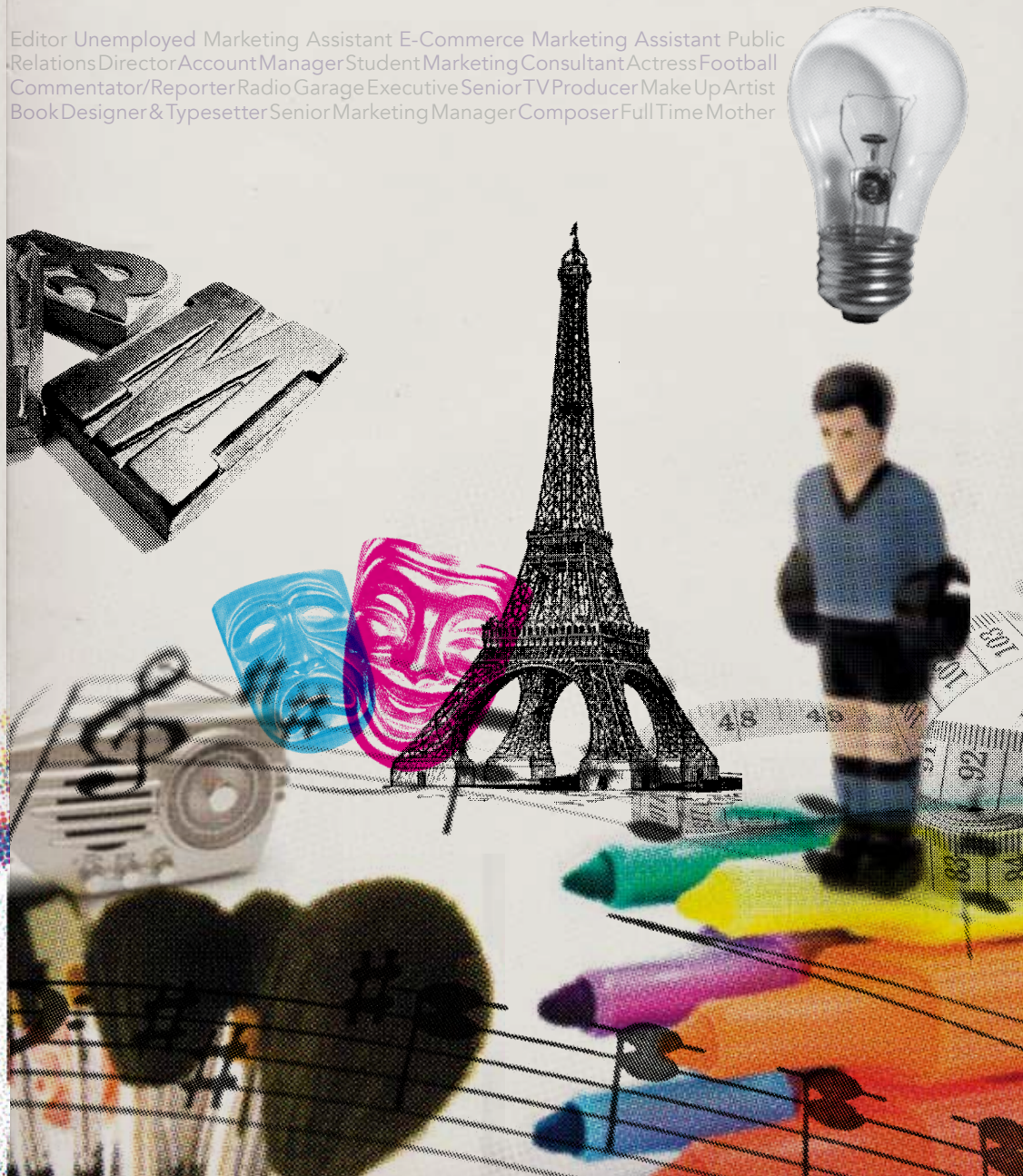
St. Andrews University: MA Hons International Relations and Modern History

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Career in Procurement: Started in Automotive Industry with Ford Motor Company in 1997 as a graduate trainee in Purchasing; Buyer 1997-1999, Lead Buyer Interiors + Key Buyer Stampings 1999-2001. Ford floated Visteon as independent systems supply company; Visteon Europe Plant Services and Packaging Buyer 2001-2002, Pre-Prog. Supply Manager Europe 2002-2003, Electronics Prog. Supply Manager Europe 2003-2007. Moved to the Aerospace Industry; Goodrich Actuation Systems as a Commodity Sourcing Manager in 2007. Experience in negotiation, sourcing and supplier section, contract management, global commodity strategies, supplier relationship management, continuous improvement and managing European team of buyers.

# CREATIVE MEDIA & MARKETING

Editor Unemployed Marketing Assistant E-Commerce Marketing Assistant Public Relations Director Account Manager Student Marketing Consultant Actress Football Commentator/Reporter Radio Garage Executive Senior TV Producer Make Up Artist Book Designer & Typesetter Senior Marketing Manager Composer Full Time Mother





# Editor

**Name** Lee Jepson

**Current Job Title** Editor

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Napier University, Edinburgh

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

I did a degree in Journalism, and my first job in my chosen career was as a Sub-Editor at The Press Association in Howden, East Yorkshire. I worked on TV listings for weekly magazines: Total TV Guide, TV Choice and TV Quick for two years. I then moved back to the North West in 2005 and was offered a job as a Sub-Editor at Practical Publishing, publisher of a variety of craft magazines. I worked my way up from Sub-Editor to Senior Sub-Editor, and then became Editor of several bimonthly and six-weekly titles. I was recently promoted to Editor of our four-weekly magazine, Creative Cardmaking, and I also draw upon my experience as a Sub-Editor to oversee the company's subbing department.



# Unemployed

**Name** Sophie Jane Dinsdale

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Newcastle University: BA Honours 2:1 English Literature (3 Years)

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Currently pursuing a career in the creative industry, either in marketing, PR and events or all of the above. Over the summer I have worked for Fido PR (a top Manchester PR agency) on a four week placement, as well as Turner Parkinson (a top law firm) in their marketing department as a consultant. In September I will be taking up to a 2 week placement at Biss Lancaster (an international PR company). I am currently applying for jobs.



# Marketing Assistant

**Name** Kate Riley

**Current Job Title** Marketing Assistant –  
Normandy Tourist Board

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

University of St Andrews – MA Modern Languages (French & Spanish)  
University of Manchester – MA Translation & Interpreting

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Having embarked on my MA in Manchester, I realised that a career in translation wasn't for me and that I wanted a job with more freedom to express my creativity and the opportunity to use my communication skills. I did some work experience in PR and applied for a job in London. I didn't get the job, but one of the interviewers offered me a job in marketing with the Normandy tourist board in France!



# E-Commerce Marketing Assistant

**Name** Laura Brazendale

**Current Job Title** E-Commerce Marketing Assistant

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Leeds Metropolitan University to study Retail Marketing Management BSC (Hons) in which I gained a 2:1

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

For Shire Hotels, a division of Thwaites plc.





# Public Relations Director



**Name** Elizabeth Talbot

**Former Surname** Brown

**Current Job Title** Public Relations Director of Talbot PR Ltd – my own consultancy

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Warwick University to study sociology and psychology. Degree was interesting but always wanted a job connecting with writing. Banged on loads of doors to eventually get a job as a copywriter at a Manchester Ad agency. They moved me into the PR dept as they recognised I had writing and interpersonal skills. Moved up through the ranks, ended up as the PR Director for the Pentland Sports Group – owner of lots of sports brands including Speedo, Lacoste, Berghaus, Mitre, Reusch. Left there in 1997 to set up on my own when pregnant with daughter Sofia, currently at Wilmar Lodge.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

Started my career in business to business technical PR, then moved into consumer sports and made sports/technical fabrics my speciality. I have worked for tons of sports and footwear brands including Reebok, Greg Norman Collection, Patrick, Kangaroos, Kickers, Geox, Diadora ...They employ me as a full time PR consultant so I am responsible for many aspects of their communication e.g. financial reporting; endorsements and sponsorships with athletes, teams and associations; product placements in magazines and TV; press launches; competitions/reader offers linked with third parties; leading authority articles in key influencer newspapers and magazines.

# Account Manager



**Name** Catherine Prest

**Current Job Title** Account Manager

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Leeds Metropolitan University

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

After leaving sixth form I went to Leeds Metropolitan University to do a degree in PR. As part of the degree I took the optional sandwich year and spent a year working at Blackburn PR agency Slater PR. That year gave me vital experience which more than supplemented my degree – and was vital when looking for jobs. After returning to Leeds to complete my final year I applied for jobs with two leading Manchester PR/marketing agencies and was offered both. I took the role of PR consultant at MC2, arguably the largest marketing agency in the North West. As I had taken a sandwich year I started at MC2 above graduate level which meant I got hands on with client work straight away and worked on national clients in B2B, professional, financial and consumer fields. 6 months into my time at MC2 an opportunity arose when one of my old managers at Slater PR was leaving. From even my short time at MC2 and my previous time at Slater PR I had learnt a lot and decided that I could handle the role and responsibilities of Account Manager. I have now been Account Manager at Slater PR for nearly 3 years. My role involves planning strategy and managing PR and marketing campaigns for a range of clients, predominantly Lancashire based companies. I now have two account executives in my team and lead them to deliver the results for clients.

# Marketing Consultant



**Name** Sam Heins

**Current Job Title** Marketing Consultant

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

I graduated this year with a first class honours degree in Marketing Management (BA (Hons) Marketing Management) from Manchester Metropolitan University. I am now currently working as a marketing consultant for Skipton Building Society, based at the head office in Skipton, which I am thoroughly enjoying.



# Student

**Name** Helen Catherine McGowan

**Former Surname** Warburton

**Current Job Title** Student – Final Year

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Manchester Metropolitan University to study BSc Fashion Materials and Technology with placement year at BMB Clothing/Baird Group

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

3rd Year included a placement year working as an assistant garment technologist specialising in men's formal shirts. This job title includes:- creating graded specifications for garments, measuring samples to ensure they are correct to the specification, attending fit meetings to gain a visual aspect of what the garment looks like on a body form, providing quality information to suppliers for them to improve on, gaining knowledge on how garments are made from fibres, fabric, construction to patterns, machinery and finishing techniques. Within this year there was the opportunity to work with a Textile Technologist. This provided information on how to define specific fabrics, determine the performance and how it would react with the body and testing fabrics including: colour fastness, abrasion, strength, fraying.

# Account Manager

**Name** Naomi Longworth

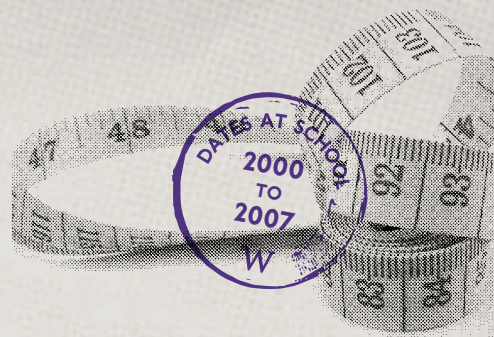
**Current Job Title** Account Manager

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Cambridge University, St. John's College, Global PR Agency - Waggener Edstrom Worldwide, UK PR Agency - Brands 2 Life (current)

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

4-5 years experience in technology B2B and consumer PR working for clients such as Microsoft Multimap, Cisco, Webex and Logitech.



# Actress

**Name** Elizabeth Singleton

**Current Job Title** Actress

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Guildford School of Acting (GSA)

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

I was lucky enough to receive a scholarship from GSA after auditioning for them at age 17, and I trained at the drama school for 3 years and graduated with a BA (Hons) degree in Musical Theatre. I trained 9am until 6pm, 5 days a week for 3 years and was completely worth it! I worked with some incredible Directors/Choreographers/Musical Directors who all helped me to discover what kind of actress I wanted to become and to send me on the right path into the industry. I had many brilliant performance opportunities during my time at GSA but in my third year I was lucky enough to perform in the Guildford Pantomime 'Cinderella', with TV personality Gethin Jones, where I was placed in the position of Dance Captain. Performing 67 shows over the Christmas period was a real eye-opener and built my stamina and confidence no end. I received the Professional Skills award at my graduation, which is offered to the student that GSA believes to be the most prepared to embark into the industry with the correct level of maturity and professionalism. In November, I moved to Ipswich to begin rehearsals for another Pantomime, 'Jack & the Beanstalk', where I will be playing the lead role of Jill. Not only will I be acting, singing and dancing but the Pantomime is an 'Actor/Musician' show where the cast all play an instrument, becoming the show's band as well! So, learning to play the saxophone all those years ago really has come in handy! I learned a lot through my experiences at GSA and, together with the 11 years I spent at Westholme, I believe it has stood me in good stead and able to take on many challenges.



# Football Commentator/Reporter



**Name** Natalia Bradford

**Current Job Title** Football Commentator/Reporter

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Salford University to read Media Production, followed by a BA in Sports Journalism at UCLAN. Graduated with a 2:2 in June 2010. Currently work for Fleetwood Town FC.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

Expertise: in Radio and television reporting/commentating/interviewing/TV editing & radio editing.

Experience: 1st full season as a professional reporter. Spent 3 months at BBC North West Tonight working at late kick off North West as a VT editor and spent 3 months at BBC Radio Cumbria as a junior sports reporter. Created radio packages/features for the breakfast show.



# Radio Gauge Executive



**Name** Ursula Corcoran

**Current Job Title** Radio Gauge Executive

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Went to Newcastle University to study Sociology and Politics which I completed in July this year graduating with a 2:1.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

Just got a graduate role for the Radio Advertising Bureau. So far it looks like it will be an exciting place to start my career. My job involves dealing with research into advertising effectiveness and presenting to clients.



# Senior TV Producer



**Name** Emmalou Johnson

**Current Job Title** Senior TV Producer (Adverts)

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Manchester University – 3 years then London since November 1997.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

Produce TV, Cinema & Radio ads. Essentially a form of project management. Have to manage a budget & timings from receiving a script, sourcing a director, sometimes celebrities through to the shoot, post production & getting it on air. Very stressful, exciting & fun. Long hours but very varied. Never bored! Lots of travel abroad for shoots too!

# Make-up Artist



**Name** Lucy Bridge

**Current Job Title** Make-up Artist

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Manchester for 2 years to study at Manchester City College in Media Make-up, Wig Making & Photography. Sept 2006 to June 2008. Aug 2008 – I moved to London where I am currently based.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

I work for MAC part-time. I freelance in my other time. I have had work published in i-D Magazine, W Magazine, SuperSuper, Disorder, Tank, Drama Magazine. I am a plus size model and have modelled for photographer Tim Walker and for the new Beth Ditto Range at Evans. I have a website [www.lucybridge.com](http://www.lucybridge.com)





# Book Designer & Typesetter

**Name** Charlotte Mouncey

**Former Surname** Jury

**Current Job Title** Book Designer & Typesetter

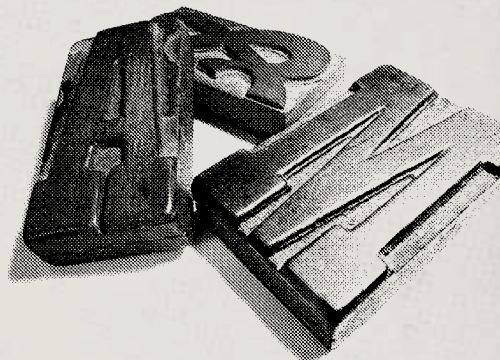
**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Harrogate College, Manchester Polytechnic

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Regional Certificate in Foundation Studies in Art & Design BA (Hons) in Design for Communication Media, Graphic Design.

15 years experience in business, now running my own business working as a freelance designer/typesetter within publishing.



# Senior Marketing Manager

**Name** Louise Southern

**Former Surname** Saul

**Current Job Title** Senior Marketing Manager

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Coventry Polytechnic

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

After leaving polytechnic I enrolled on another course and gained the Chartered Inst Marketing Diploma. This gave me my first step on the ladder in a busy marketing department. I now manage 12 staff and am responsible for the marketing and promotion of a multi million pound brand. This encompasses both online and offline marketing.



# Composer

**Name** Jessica Curry

**Current Job Title** Composer

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

University College London

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

I write music for a living and it's a wonderful job. I've exhibited internationally and have received commissions, residencies, grants and awards from organisations such as the Royal Opera House, The Wellcome Trust, Prix Ars Electronica, The Royal Society of Arts, PRSF, Location One New York and Arts Council England. My latest game soundtrack for Dear Esther was an award winner at Indiecade 09, Los Angeles. I can't recommend a job like this enough. I travel all over the world, love what I do and have a creative and fulfilling life. Believe in yourself and the work that you make.





# Full-time Mother



**Name** Vicky Fickling

**Former Surname** Wilson

**Current Job Title** Full-time Mother

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Guildford School of Acting to do a 3yr Musical Theatre Diploma Course

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

After graduating from Guildford School of Acting, I went on to work in the Acting Profession for a good 5 years or so. I did mainly theatre work including pantomimes, musicals, revues, some plays and a lot of Victorian Music Hall at the Players Theatre in London. My work took me to many different places in the country and although it was physically and emotionally demanding and very hard work (not at all the glamorous lifestyle people expect when you tell them what you do!) I thoroughly enjoyed it because I was living my dream and getting paid to do something I was passionate about, something I had wanted to do all my life. During the periods when I wasn't acting and was auditioning, I did a lot of temping work, mainly for Brook Street Recruitment Agency. I took the decision to leave the acting profession around the year 2000-2001 mainly because of health reasons. I had been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and because of the nature of the disease I felt unable to continue with the acting. I was offered a permanent contract at Brook Street as their Contracts Administrator where I helped the Temporary Desk Consultant to fill work placements. I was able to bring many skills from my theatre training to this role. Unfortunately my contract was not renewed and I moved on to be Office Manager for a small advertising agency where I was in charge of the day to day running of the office, supporting the Account Managers and liaising with the clients and publications alike. Due to changes in the structure of the business I moved on to a company called Waymaker who were a PR & Media Resources Company. There I started off as an Accounts Co-ordinator, providing administrative support to the Account Managers. After 6 months I was promoted to List Manager where I created and maintained media lists for our clients. I left in 2004 to start a family and then made the decision to stay at home and raise our two boys. Nowadays, I am a busy, full-time mum, very involved with school life. I help out with school productions every summer and also any ad hoc drama projects they have going on throughout the year. I also help with the dance shows at the boys' dancing school. I am very proud of what I have achieved in my life. Not many people can honestly say that they have lived their dream. I can. Now I can support my boys in their education and encourage them to live their dreams too.

# LAW

Head of Commercial Property Trainee Solicitor Portfolio  
Manager Partner Force Solicitor Associate Solicitor In  
House Solicitor Patent Attorney Solicitor Associate Solicitor





# Head of Commercial Property



**Name** Wendy Newbury

**Former Surname** Evanson

**Current Job Title** Head of Commercial Property – Backhouse Jones

## Destination after leaving Westholme

One year - gap - some training at Farley's Solicitors.

1985 - 1988 - Trent Polytechnic, Nottingham

1988 - 1989 - College of Law, Chester

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

1989 – 1995 Farleys Solicitors – Training Contract & then qualification into property department.

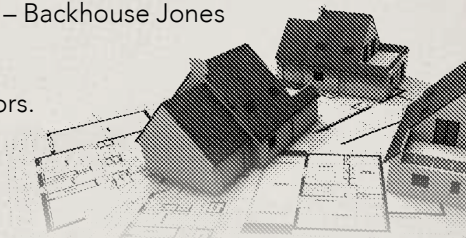
1995 – 1997 Nabano Nathanson, Sheffield. Head of Probate and domestic conveyancing

1997 – 1998 Eversheds, Leeds – Retail Team (Commercial)

1998 – 2000 Pinsent Masons, Leeds – Solicitor in Investment Purchase Team

2000 – 2008 Roscoe's (now known as Napthens LLP) Partner in Commercial Property

2009 to date Head of Commercial Property – Backhouse Jones



# Trainee Solicitor



**Name** Pippa Williamson

**Current Job Title** Trainee Solicitor, Allen & Overy LLP, London

## Destination after leaving Westholme

University of Manchester Law (LLB). Now on 8 months break before training begins. (Completing language course in Spain and sailing the Atlantic during this time.)

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

Began 2 year training contract with global law firm in March 2011. Corporate law specialisation, particularly cross border transaction as firm is one of the world's largest and part of the 'Magic Circle' in London (top 5 law firms).

# Portfolio Manager



**Name** Charlotte Ashworth

**Current Job Title** Portfolio Manager, IRUS Retail Property Fund

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Sheffield University to read Mathematics - "Gap year" working in a school in Venezuela with the Spanish charity "Fe y Alegria" - ESCP-EAP Business School, Masters in European Business, Oxford/Madrid.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

A gap year in Venezuela and poor degree results (not enough studying! Any teachers who taught me may not be surprised by this!) led me to study a business masters degree with spells in both Oxford and Madrid. I was supposed to stay in Madrid for 6 months and my plan was then to relocate to London to begin my career. However, Madrid's social scene and sunny weather changed my plan almost immediately and here I fell into a job in commercial real estate. I'm now a Chartered Surveyor MRICS (Masters in Real Estate, distance learning from the University of Reading, College of Estate Management). I've worked at Savills and Jones Lang LaSalle and am now working in fund management at a privately-owned Spanish property development company. I've been in Madrid now for 8 years.



# Partner

**Name** Patricia Mary Latimer

**Former Surname** Tomlinson

**Current Job Title** Partner at Latimerlee

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Manchester University

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

Specialising Property Law & Wills Probate Trusts.





# Force Solicitor

**Name** Melanie Blakey

**Former Surname** Rushton

**Current Job Title** Force Solicitor

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Trent Polytechnic – now Nottingham Trent University – I obtained a 2.1 LLB (Hons) degree College of Law Chester – Solicitors Final Examination. Various jobs in private practice & private sector.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

I have over 20 years experience as a qualified lawyer specialising initially in the areas of employment & civil litigation & insolvency when I first qualified. Thereafter I undertook some criminal work at a leading criminal firm in Nottingham. To widen my experience I worked for part of the HSBC group in Birmingham for a couple of years heading up their specialist litigation team. I joined Lincolnshire Police in 1996 as their first ever in-house lawyer. I remain with them – now heading up a department of 10 people. My areas of expertise now are employment work, inquests & discipline & regulatory work which is extremely challenging. I am a member of The Association of Employment Lawyers & The Association of Regulatory & Discipline Lawyers.



# Associate Solicitor

**Name** Katharine Marshall

**Former Surname** Turner

**Current Job Title** Associate Solicitor

## Destination after leaving Westholme

University of Leeds – Law Degree/Manchester Metropolitan University – Legal Practice Course

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

Family Solicitor – qualified in 2005. Undertaking work in Children Act Proceedings (both public and private law, divorce and crime for 7 years).



# In-House Solicitor

**Name** Kristel Rowlandson

**Current Job Title** In-House Solicitor

## Destination after leaving Westholme

After leaving Westholme I studied Law at both the University of Hull and the College of Law at York. Upon completing my LPC and taking a year out to travel I gained a training contract at a small niche firm and, following a secondment to Thomas Cook plc, I decided to pursue a career as an in-house solicitor. Since qualification I have worked for Kingston Communications (Hull) plc and am now employed as a solicitor by GDF SUEZ Energy UK.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

I currently work as an in-house solicitor for GDF SUEZ Energy UK which is the UK arm of an international energy company called GDF SUEZ. On a day to day basis I manage risk to the business by negotiating and drafting both contracts for the supply of energy to our customers as well as trading agreements and also deal with the legal aspects of our corporate projects which are largely company acquisitions and construction and development projects e.g. wind farms. In addition, I report significant risks to our UK directors and to our legal team in Paris.



# Patent Attorney

**Name** Helen Smith

**Former Surname** Brearley

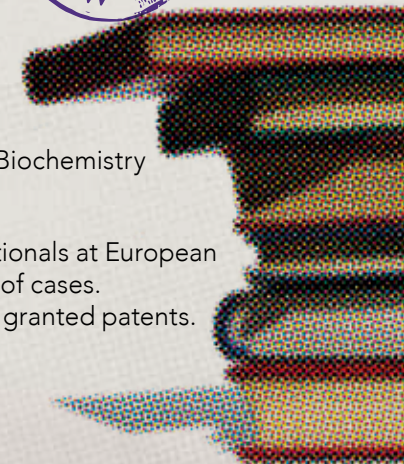
**Current Job Title** Patent Attorney

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Cambridge (Emmanuel) – Natural Sciences 4 Year Biochemistry

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

Represent universities, small companies & multinationals at European and UK patent offices. Written & oral presentation of cases. Drafting patent applications. Attacking/defending granted patents. Opinions on infringement & validity.





# Solicitor

**Name** Rahima Patel

**Current Job Title** Solicitor – Associate at Herbert Smith LLP

## Destination after leaving Westholme

London School of Economics and Political Science – BA in Law and Anthropology BPP Law School – Legal Practice Course Herbert Smith LLP, London Office – Training contract and qualification into the International Arbitration Group, Litigation Division. Herbert Smith LLP, Tokyo Office – secondment to the Disputes Group in Tokyo.



# Associate Solicitor

**Name** Laura-Jayne Hamilton

**Current Job Title** Associate Solicitor at Norton Rose LLP

## Destination after leaving Westholme

After leaving Westholme and moving to Torquay I completed years 5 & 6 at a local Primary School (Ilsham Primary) and then attended Torquay Grammar School for Girls for my secondary school years. I finished my A levels in 2003 and went on to study Law at Keble College, Oxford. I graduated in 2006 with an Upper Second class degree. I then attended BPP Law School in Holborn, London and completed the Legal Practice Course.

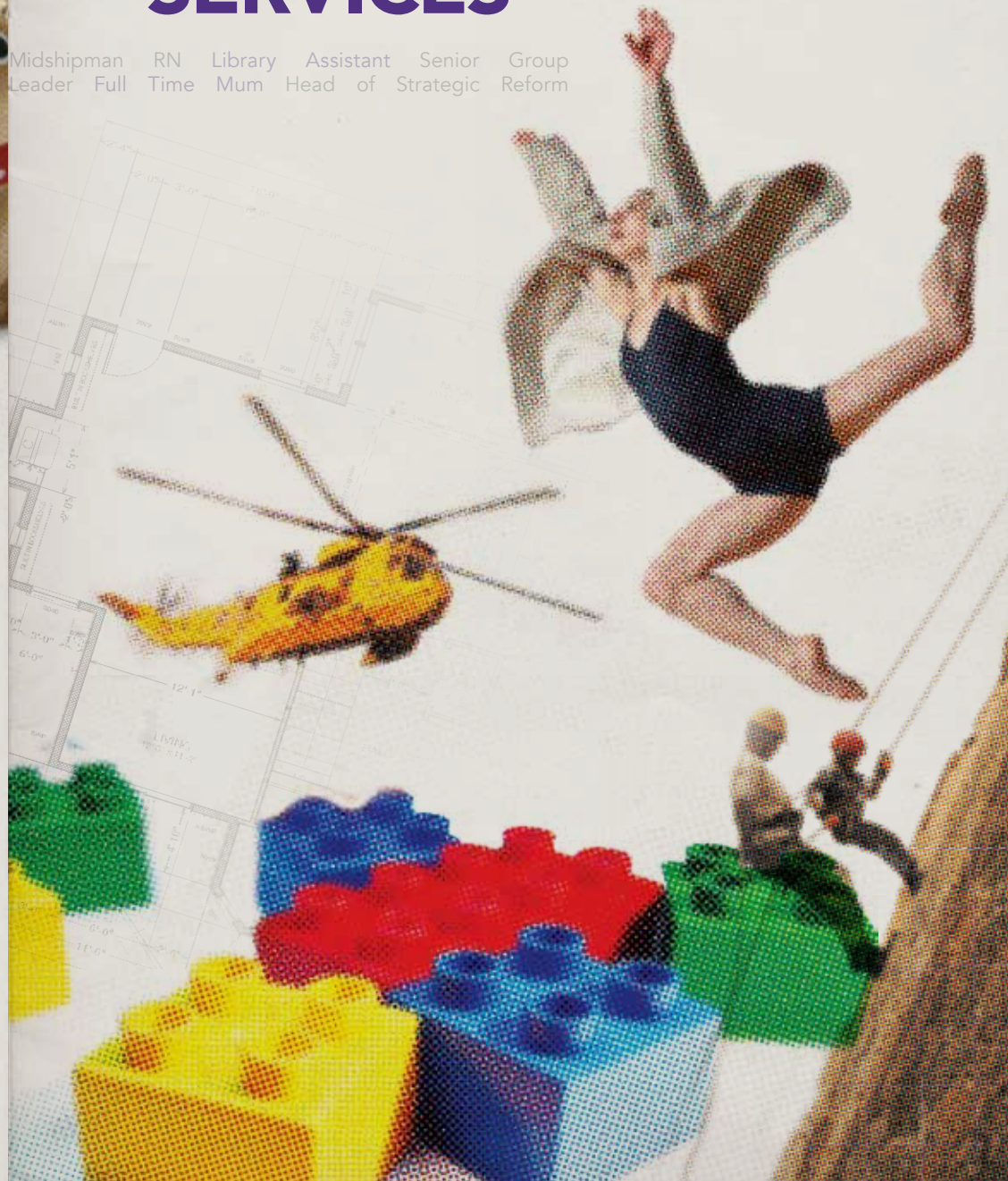
## Expertise and Summary of Experience

I secured a training contract at Norton Rose LLP in London during my second year at university. The firm paid for my studies at BPP and gave me some money to go travelling after I finished studying (South East Asia, Australia and New Zealand). I completed a two year training contract with Norton Rose, which included an 8 month stint working in the Middle East (Bahrain and Dubai). I qualified as a solicitor in January 2010 and secured a job at Norton Rose in their transport and energy disputes team. It's a demanding job, but the opportunities and experiences it presents are fantastic.



# PUBLIC SERVICES

Midshipman RN Library Assistant Senior Group  
Leader Full Time Mum Head of Strategic Reform





# Midshipman RN



**Name** Jemma Ibbotson

**Current Job Title** Midshipman RN

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Portsmouth University studying Mechanical Engineering, bursary from Royal Navy.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

I can't believe a whole year has passed since leaving school already and I've been up to all sorts. Recently I spent a heavily timetabled two weeks at RNAS Culdrose in Helston, Cornwall, where I flew a simulated helicopter and had a ride in one to land on a warship. All year I have been on warships in the Solent, commanding pilotages back into Portsmouth Harbour which means telling the ship what direction to sail in. As I want to be an engineer I have been doing engineer rounds on these ships checking all fluid levels and the temperatures. In a year I have learnt various roles on a ship including chart work. Throughout the year there has been a lot of socialising including many Mess Dinners which are very similar to Balls but with Naval songs and drinks.

It hasn't all been 'on the sea' I have also been to Salisbury Plains to do a green exercise which was very hard work and quite cold. This prepares me for the officer training at Dartmouth as we use Dartmoor for Leadership exercises. Recently I have returned from RNAS Yeovilton where I was allowed to take the Sea King (helicopter) off the ground and fly it for a while - that was quite a scary activity which followed with the 'Dunker' training where I had to be in a mock up version of a helicopter cab and be sunk underwater being strapped in and escape using one breath and pushing a window out, once completing this I had to be turned upside down and repeat it.

I can honestly say I have had the time of my life this year and recommend it to anyone who wants to join the services to join units whilst at university because it's the best experience I would get before doing all this again but with exams in a few years time.



# Library Assistant



**Name** Rebecca Catterall

**Former Surname** Waddington

**Current Job Title** Library Assistant

## Destination after leaving Westholme

I went to St Andrews University, where I graduated with an MA in Modern History in summer of 2005.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

I was unsure of which career path to take following University. Following several temporary office/admin jobs, I decided to volunteer in a local library. I have always loved reading and thought the mixture of books and people would suit my personality. The voluntary work I did helped me to get a paid position in a library, and I have been working in libraries for the past 2 years. I am about to begin a HND in Library & Information and am considering applying to do an MA in librarianship. Library work is interesting and varied, but jobs in libraries are competitive and therefore difficult to secure and the pay is low.

# Senior Group Leader



**Name** Emma Barnes

**Current Job Title** Senior Group Leader – Kingswood Outdoor Activity Centres

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Lancaster University (BSc. Psychology Hons. 2:1) Starting an MA in Social Work at Lancaster in October and will be expected to graduate in 2012.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

Working with children from all backgrounds and from many different countries to ensure they have an enjoyable time at camp. We specialise in outdoor activities such as abseiling, climbing, raft-building etc. Many of the children have disorders such as ADHD and Autism and so their time with us provides the child with constant entertainment and also provides their guardians with certain amounts of respite.





# Full-time Mum



**Name** Barbara Jane Stirton

**Former Surname** Walker

**Current Job Title** Full-time Mum

## Destination after leaving Westholme

City of Birmingham Poly

BA (Hons) Library & Information Studies

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

1989 – 1993 Manchester Metropolitan University - worked in the IT Centre in the library

1993-1995 University of Central Lancashire - headed up Library & IT at Nurse Education Centre at Sharoe Green Hospital

1995 – 2001 The Kennel Club – Collections Manager looking after Library, Archives, AA collection, trophies etc. Also project managed publication of calendars, books etc

2001 – 2004 Royal Crescent Hotel, Bath – Club Manager – looked after club & spa

2004 – 2006 The Prince's Trust – Fundraising Manager – SW Region



# Head of Strategic Reform



**Name** Elizabeth Hunter

**Current Job Title** Head of Strategic Reform –  
Transport at HM Treasury

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Cambridge University to study Social and Political Sciences.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

Most of career has been in civil service in London. My home department is Transport where I have worked on different policies, legislation and strategies - for example road safety, road pricing, London transport and High Speed Two (the potential new rail line from London to Birmingham and beyond). I am currently on loan to HM Treasury where I work in the Transport Spending Team. Our current focus is the Spending Review looking at Department's budgets. During my time in the civil service I also did a short secondment to Deloitte and before joining the Department for Transport I worked at a charity called New Philanthropy Capital.

# Special Educational Needs Recruitment Consultant



**Name** Helen Jackson

**Current Job Title** Special Educational Needs  
Recruitment Consultant

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Durham University

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

My role is to recruit special needs teaching staff and to place them in schools across the country on a temporary to permanent basis. The role involves interviewing, CV writing, marketing, sales and working in partnership with schools and other education agencies.



# Property Developer and Private Landlord

**Name** Amanda Stirling

**Current Job Title** Property Developer and Private Landlord

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

University of Leeds 1979-1982

English University of Lancaster - 1987-1989

Post graduate social work diploma

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Worked as a Probation Officer for 12 years specialising in groupwork and staff training. Simultaneously established a property business with my partner. Now working part-time on a self employed basis running our business leaving time for community activism, parenthood and my passion, writing.

# Dance & Fitness Instructor

**Name** Vikki Boyd

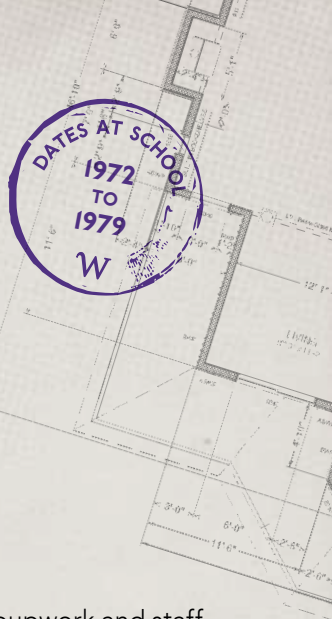
**Current Job Title** Dance & Fitness Instructor

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

I trained at Sanderson Dance & Fitness Centre in Nelson where I have worked full time for 16 years.

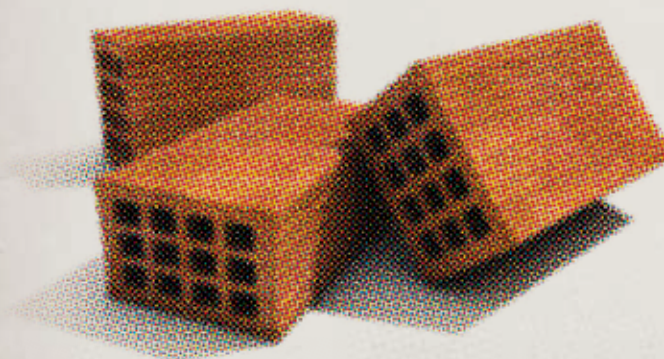
**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

My qualifications include: Associate Ballroom, Associate Latin American, Associate Classical Sequence, Associate Hip Hop, Licenciante Freestyle, Licenciante Rock N Roll, Salsa Diploma, Western Line Diploma, RSA Exercise To Music, Level 3 NVQ Sport & Recreation, Body Pump Instructor. I teach beginners to a competitive level in various dance styles.



# SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Architectural Assistant Senior Partner/Director Senior Partner  
Chartered Structural Engineer Chartered Surveyor Highways Design  
Engineer Forensic Scientist Process Engineer Senior Researcher





# Architectural Assistant

**Name** Helen Smith

**Current Job Title** Architectural Assistant

## Destination after leaving Westholme

2003 – 2006: I attended the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne studying for my Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies (Hons) as my Part 1

2006-2007: I worked at Bradshaw Gass & Hope in Bolton for 12 months for my Stage 1 experience

2007-2009: I attended the Manchester School of Architecture studying for my Bachelor of Architecture as my Part 2

2009 – Present: I am working at Bradshaw Gass & Hope LLP in Bolton for my Stage 2 experience and during this year I have been studying for my Part 3 exam, which I am currently awaiting my interview in October.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

I now have two years experience in Practice and hopefully, by the end of October, I will be a qualified architect. It has taken me 7 years to qualify as an architect and this is the minimum amount of time you can qualify in. I hope to gain more expertise in educational buildings.



# Senior Partner/Director

**Name** Duncan Isherwood

**Current Job Title** Senior Partner/Director

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Cressbrook Prep School, Sedburgh School, Manchester Polytechnic School of Arts/Architecture.

Qualified 1980 – Thwaites Brewery. Hotel Architect 1987.

Partner at Sunderland Peacock, Architects, Clitheroe.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

Hotel Designer – clients include Northcote Manor, Ribble Valley Inns (Three Fishes/Clog & Billycock), Westholme – designed new Art Building

(not yet built). Current clients include Duchy of Lancaster, Clitheroe Grammar School, individual inns, Inn at Whitewell and many private individuals.



# Senior Partner

**Name** Caroline James

**Former Surname** Dawson

**Current Job Title** Senior Partner - Trevor Dawson Chartered Surveyors

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Portsmouth Polytechnic achieved a BSc (Hons) Urban Land Administration  
Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

Prior to joining Trevor Dawson in 1990 worked in Manchester for Dunlop Heywood, a national practice of Chartered Surveyors dealing exclusively with commercial property valuation for developers, investors and occupiers. Then turned client side joining AMEC Construction as a developer purely dealing with the development of sites in the retail office and industrial sectors in the North West and Yorkshire.





# Chartered Structural Engineer



**Name** Tansy Smith

**Former Surname** Sabben

**Current Job Title** Chartered Structural Engineer

## Destination after leaving Westholme

1994 – 1998 Durham University, Trevelyan College. Civil Engineering M.Eng.  
1998 – 2009 Walsh Associates: Structural Engineering Consultancy in London. Progressed to Associate Level.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

Structural design engineer with experience in new build and refurbishment projects, such as commercial buildings, residential blocks, schools etc. Design in all materials: steel, concrete, timber and masonry. Design all elements of buildings from foundations, floors, columns, frames, beams, trusses etc.

# Chartered Surveyor



**Name** Claire MacDonald

**Current Job Title** Chartered Surveyor

## Destination after leaving Westholme

BA Hons Geography degree at University of Manchester and then onto Manchester Metropolitan University to do a PGCE in primary education. I taught at Brentnall Primary School in Salford for a few years to save up to do my masters. Attended Liverpool John Moores University to do MSc in Commercial Property Management. Upon completing my Masters went on to work at King Sturge in Manchester and qualified as a Chartered Surveyor.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

Chartered Surveyor dealing with commercial property in Manchester and throughout the North West.

# Highways Design Engineer



**Name** Trishna Rycroft

**Former Surname** Saikia

**Current Job Title** Highways Design Engineer

## Destination after leaving Westholme

University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

Started out working for Network Rail but then moved into local authority. Have worked on the design and construction on a couple of large multi-million pound schemes. I am a schools ambassador for the ICE who do a number of school activities in Yorkshire and Humber.



# Forensic Scientist



**Name** Caroline Sheriff

**Current Job Title** Forensic Scientist

## Destination after leaving Westholme

2000 – 2003 – Biology degree at Nottingham University

2003 – 2004 – Forensic Science Masters degree at Strathclyde University

2005 – present – LGC Forensics

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

I am a reporting officer specialising in forensic biology. My area of expertise includes the analysis of body fluids, the interpretation of DNA profiling results, blood pattern analysis and hair comparisons. My main working environment is in a laboratory, although I do attend crime scenes and provide expert evidence in court when required.





# Process Engineer



**Name** Naomi Gastall

**Current Job Title** Process Engineer

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST - now the University of Manchester)

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

In September 2007, after graduating with a Masters (Hons) in Chemical Engineering (with Industrial Experience), I joined the BG Group International Graduate Development Programme as a graduate process (chemical) engineer. After the two-week graduate induction, I was sent straight to Tunisia to work on a gas processing plant. I worked in the Production department and a typical day would include reviewing production data, talking to the operators about any operating issues and then trying to identify the root causes of these issues. It was great to transfer the knowledge learnt at university to actually solving real problems on the plant. During this time I lived on a compound with around 50 other men – very different to my time at Westholme! My second placement was back in the UK working in the design team for a “super-mega” project (cost estimate \$22.6 billion) to build a new oil and gas plant in Kazakhstan. In this position, I was responsible for producing process simulations (i.e. building simulation models of the processing equipment – this enables the mathematical modelling and multiple iterations to be carried out by the computer) in order to check the design and ascertain the operating conditions of the plant under different scenarios. After this I worked as a development engineer for our UK Upstream Asset. Working with the reservoir and subsurface engineers, we developed the projected costs and payback for potential North Sea oil and gas prospects in order to recommend which reservoirs should be developed. In July 2009, I moved to Houston, Texas to work on the design of a new Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) plant to be built in Queensland, Australia. I joined the project in the front end engineering stage and in October 2010, the project was approved following receipt of the Australian environmental approvals - so I should get to see the ‘end result’ within a couple of years, which is rather mind-blowing given the size of the project (just one of our LNG tanks – i.e. where we store our final product - is bigger than the Albert Hall!). I work in the Oil and Gas industry, but through their understanding of chemical kinetics, thermodynamics and the control of mass transfer and energy transfer, Chemical Engineers design, construct

and operate processing plants in a wide-range of industries – such as petrochemical, biochemical, pharmaceutical, organic polymers, food and beverages, fertilisers, mineral processing and environmental applications. Chemical engineers can be office, lab or site-based and the many different roles, industries and locations open to a chemical engineer make it a flexible and exciting career choice – so if you like maths, chemistry, physics and business, you should definitely consider a career in engineering!

# Senior Researcher



**Name** Susan Davies

**Current Job Title** Senior Researcher, E3G, London

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Cambridge University

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

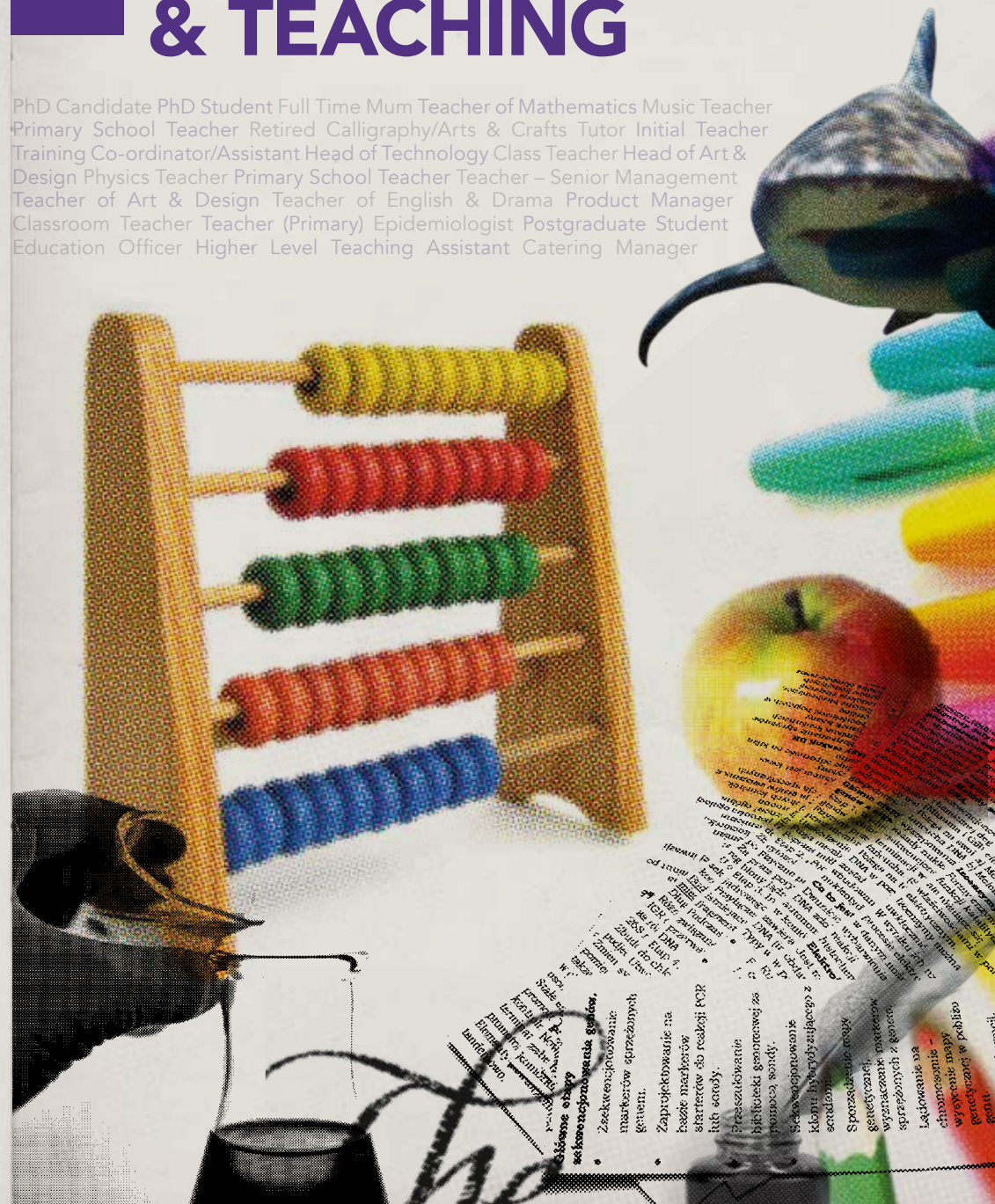
After Cambridge I was an Economics Research Fellow in New York. I then joined the management consultancy Andersen Consulting (now Accenture) in London. Following this I worked at Datamonitor (another consultancy), then United Bank of Kuwait and Morgan Stanley. At Morgan Stanley I was a senior manager working in Equity Listed Derivative Risk. After this I took a career break teaching windsurfing in Turkey then went to Oxford University to do an MSc in Environmental Change & Management. I now work on environmental issues as a consultant/researcher. My roles have included working for Defra, the Forestry Commission, the Conservative Party, and a low carbon car company. I now work on low carbon finance i.e. trying to increase investment to reduce carbon emissions. My focus is European and I will be travelling to Europe as a result – off to Warsaw in a week. A varied career!





# ACADEMIC & TEACHING

PhD Candidate PhD Student Full Time Mum Teacher of Mathematics Music Teacher  
Primary School Teacher Retired Calligraphy/Arts & Crafts Tutor Initial Teacher  
Training Co-ordinator/Assistant Head of Technology Class Teacher Head of Art &  
Design Physics Teacher Primary School Teacher Teacher – Senior Management  
Teacher of Art & Design Teacher of English & Drama Product Manager  
Classroom Teacher Teacher (Primary) Epidemiologist Postgraduate Student  
Education Officer Higher Level Teaching Assistant Catering Manager





# PhD Candidate

**Name** Carla Jayne Louise Atkinson

**Former Surname** Dawson

**Current Job Title** PhD candidate (final year)

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

University of Bangor

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

As an undergraduate at the University of Bangor studying marine biology and oceanography (BSc joint honours) I developed my love of the ocean and fascination with sharks, particularly their sensory systems. During my masters in marine biology I carried out a study of the electroreceptive systems of the Black Mouth Catshark, *Galeus melastomatus* and Velvet Belly Dogfish, *Etmopterus spinax* at the University of Genova, Italy where I became more interested in elasmobranch sensory systems. It was during this research that I found a considerable lack of knowledge of their gustatory sense, something I found extraordinary since many people are afraid of sharks for fear of being eaten by them. I was determined to do my part to change this and was fortunate enough to gain a Northcote Graduate Scholarship and was accepted for my current PhD looking at the gustatory systems of elasmobranchs in Prof. Shaun Collin's lab at the University of Queensland; I am due to submit my thesis in February 2011. I have since learnt that there is relatively little understood of the gustatory systems of vertebrates in general and hope to continue my research in this field upon completion of my PhD.



# Full-Time Mum

**Name** Sarah Ward

**Former Surname** Kramer

**Current Job Title** Full-time Mum

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Homerton College, Cambridge

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Since graduating worked in an infant school in Cambridge teaching Year 2 and co-ordinating geography and ICT throughout the school. Left when expecting Hannah – born in November 2007.



# Teacher of Mathematics

**Name** Claire McLaughlin

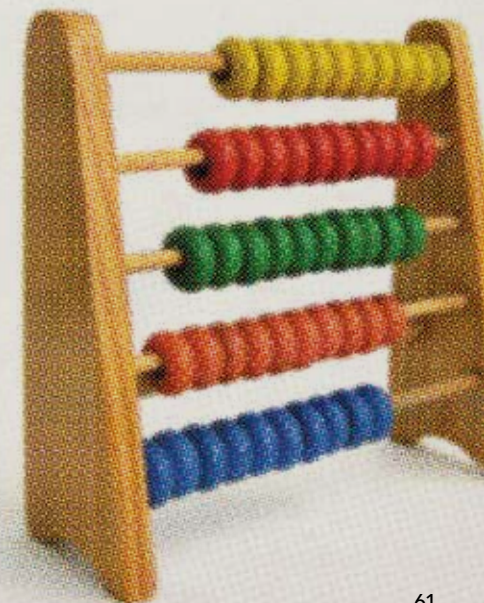
**Current Job Title** Teacher of Mathematics

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Lancaster University (BSc in Mathematics with Statistics), St. Martin's College (PGCE in Secondary Mathematics)

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

I spent three years working at Rhyddings Business and Enterprise School in Oswaldtwistle after completing my training. I am now starting at St Christopher's CE High School in Accrington.





# Music Teacher

**Name** Clare Sutlieff

**Current Job Title** Music Teacher within an International School

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Chetham's School of Music University of Leeds

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

I teach music within an International School in Bangkok. Before moving abroad I thought it was only possible to teach in the UK however there are thousands of International Schools all over the world which offer the British National Curriculum and are after British trained teachers to teach expats. This has been a great opportunity for me to carry out my profession as well as being able to see the world.

# Primary School Teacher

**Name** Jane Brown

**Former Surname** Briscoe

**Current Job Title** Primary School teacher

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Runshaw College  
Stockport College  
Worcester University College

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Early Childhood Studies BA (Hons) and PGCE.  
Taught at Billinge House for two years.  
Time out to raise a family.



# Retired Calligraphy/ Arts & Crafts Tutor

**Name** Ann Elizabeth Stokes

**Former Surname** Ainsworth

**Current Job Title** Retired Calligraphy/Arts & Crafts Tutor

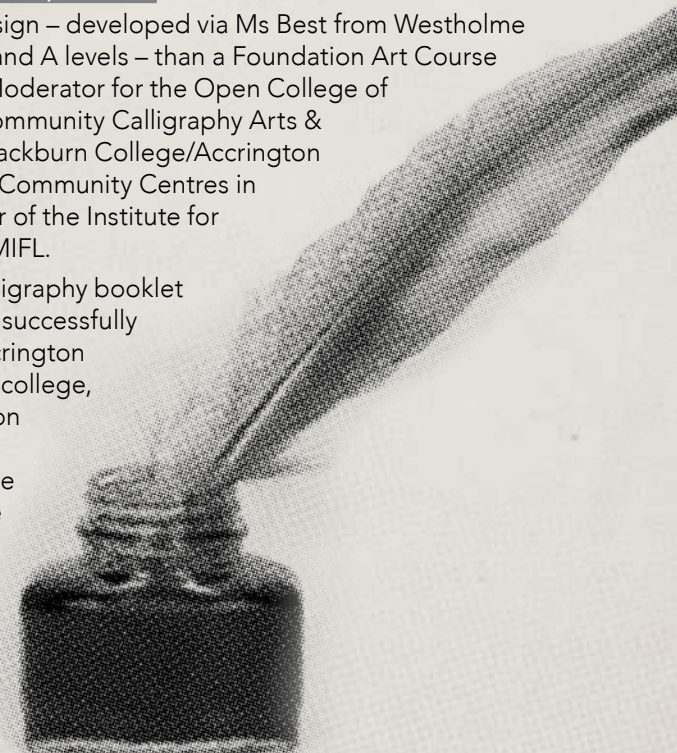
**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Day release at the then Blackburn College of Technology & Design. In-house Training Crown Paints (nee WalPaMur), became their Retail Colour and Design consultant – 32 years. Left due to closure/redundancy of service. Back into training, teaching Calligraphy, Arts & Crafts. Cert Ed FE via Huddersfield University graduated 1996.

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Always worked in Art & Design – developed via Ms Best from Westholme Beardwood Bank days. O and A levels – than a Foundation Art Course at Blackburn, Calligraphy Moderator for the Open College of the North West. Taught Community Calligraphy Arts & Craft for Bolton College/Blackburn College/Accrington & Rossendale College and Community Centres in Lancashire. Now a member of the Institute for Further Learning. Retired MIFL.

I wrote the Community Calligraphy booklet – this was adopted and ran successfully in the mid 1990's at the Accrington and Rossendale Centres at college, Norden High School, Rishton evening classes and at the Whalley Adult Centre for the Accrington and Rossendale college.





# Initial Teacher Training Co-ordinator/Assistant Head of Technology



**Name** Dawn Newton

**Current Job Title** Initial teacher training co-ordinator/  
Assistant Head of Technology, Heckmondwike Grammar School

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Leeds Polytechnic – Home Economics BEd

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

I was not particularly academic at Westholme but always loved needlework with Mrs Isherwood. 'Cookery' as it was known was not available until I was in the Sixth Form where I was the first cohort to take O level with Mrs Smith. I thoroughly enjoyed my Home Economics degree and have taught in four different schools. My current job is Assistant Head of Technology where I am responsible for Food Teaching and departmental matters. We are also a training school so I am responsible for the 25+ trainee teachers we have learning to teach at the school.

## Class Teacher



**Name** Abigail Northin

**Current Job Title** Class Teacher in Year 3 at Newcastle Prep School

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

York St. John University receiving a degree in Primary Education with a specialism in English Studies.

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

- Responsible for Yrs 5 & 6 and Yrs 3 & 4 choirs
- Involved in areas to do with children with special educational needs
- Trained to teach children aged 3-11
- Trained and worked in a range of different school settings

# Head of Art & Design



**Name** Michelle Brecken

**Former Surname** Boderke

**Current Job Title** Head of Art & Design

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Foundation course in Art and Design at Blackburn College.  
BA (Hons) Degree in Design Studies at Salford University.  
Then into the world of work - PGCE in Secondary Art and Design at St Martin's College, Lancaster.

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

I got a bit disillusioned after my degree and wasn't sure which direction to go in so I went into the work place, mainly in Next, and then into an estate agency where I was Lettings Manager. I sat there one day and decided that there was more to life than that so I decided to look for a change in direction and do something that I was good at. I went for an interview for a PGCE course which I got on and that was my change of life and career, it was a bit hard coming out of a full-time wage and also having a mortgage but I managed. I got the first job I went for and have had different roles within school life including art and textiles teacher, form tutor, Head of Department, Head of House, 2nd in Technology faculty and Head of Department. My last school was challenging but the pupils have had great success with their results and my year 10's recently created outfits for a fashion show which they produced as well. I will be starting a new job in a new school in September which will be my 4th school I have worked in. I would say that you should follow your dreams and go for whatever you aim for in life.

## Physics Teacher



**Name** Kate Fenton

**Current Job Title** Physics teacher at Bury Grammar School

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Durham – MSci Physics (1st Class), Edgehill – PGCE (Sec. Science)



# Primary School Teacher

**Name** Vicky Hamilton

**Current Job Title** Primary School Teacher

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Newcastle University to do BA (Hons) Classical Studies

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Never knew what I wanted to be so decided to do a degree in my favourite subject. Graduated and still didn't know, did various office jobs and after some work experience with Beaver Scouts decided to retrain and did a PGCE at Manchester. Worked full-time for 3 years, had a baby and now do 3 days a week PPA cover, with a view to increasing my days now that Scarlett is starting pre-school.



# Teacher – Senior Management

**Name** Rebecca Thomas

**Former Surname** Razzaque

**Current Job Title** Teacher – Senior Management

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Exeter University – BA Ed  
Teacher in Hillingdon, Harrow and Hertfordshire

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

ICT co-ordinator and advisory teacher for Harrow Borough,  
Science co-ordinator  
DT co-ordinator  
School Council Manager  
Management



# Teacher of Art & Design

**Name** Kristen Heins

**Current Job Title** Teacher of Art & Design

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

BA Hons Graphic Design – School of Art & Design, Blackpool & the Fylde College, PGCE Secondary Art & Design – Manchester Metropolitan University

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

A degree in Graphic Design enabled me to enter the commercial graphic design industry. I worked for Hallmark Cards plc as one of their graphic artists before setting up as a freelance graphic designer. I then studied and gained a PGCE in secondary education and now teach Art & Design, Graphics and Animation to pupils aged 11-18. I am currently teaching at Accrington Academy.



# Teacher of English & Drama

**Name** Afifa Bhikha

**Current Job Title** Teacher of English & Drama

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

University of Liverpool

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

I currently teach English and Drama at a secondary school in Lancashire. I thoroughly enjoy my job even though at times it is very stressful yet rewarding. After completing my degree in English, Drama and Theatre Studies, I worked as an Account Manager and then as a Business Advisor. I decided that I wanted to become a teacher as during my course at university, I went to Africa for four months and taught there.





# Classroom Teacher



**Name** Rosemary Sirera

**Former Surname** Wood

**Current Job Title** Year 2 Classroom Teacher, St Helens School (girls), Northwood, Middlesex

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Art Foundation – Preston BA (Hons) Manchester, 3D Design MA Manchester Interior Design, PGCE Hertfordshire Lower Primary

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

Four years at SOM (designed tallest building in world) London designing interiors of offices at Canary Wharfe and Economist Building. 4 years in Japan designing offices in Tokyo and Osaka. 7 years in Northwood at St Helens school as classroom teacher.

# Teacher (Primary)



**Name** Morna Watts

**Former Surname** Reeve

**Current Job Title** Teacher (Primary)

## Destination after leaving Westholme

University of St. Andrews, followed by Cumbria Primary Teacher Training Centre

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

I went to university to study Psychology, but while there I decided I wanted to teach primary aged children, so I changed my degree slightly and ended up with a BSc in Pure Science. Then I looked into Primary teaching and ended up at CPTT doing a SCITT (School Centered Initial Teacher Training) course. I've been teaching in primary school since 2003.

# Epidemiologist



**Name** Julie Bakobaki

**Former Surname** Pickering

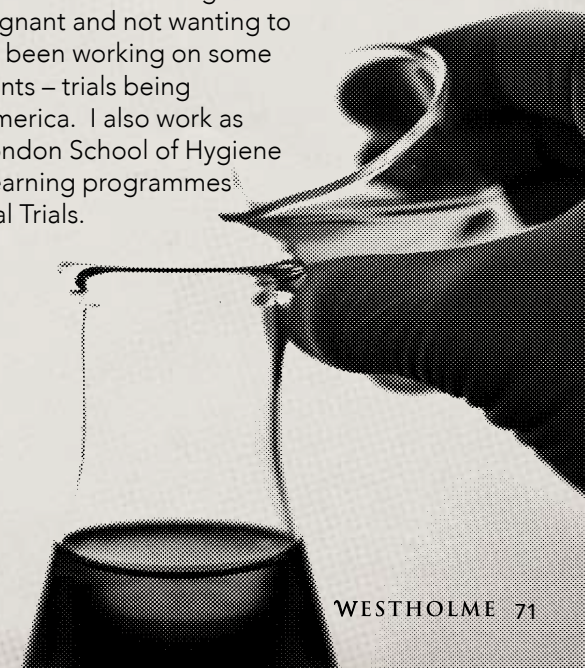
**Current Job Title** Epidemiologist

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Undergrad degree at Lancaster University, post-grad MSc at Edinburgh University, first job as Research Fellow at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

Spent 12 months working as Research Fellow at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine then moved to Uganda for 4 years working on the Medical Research Council Programme on AIDS at the Uganda Virus Research Institute. I co-ordinated some phase II clinical trials looking at the safety and effectiveness of microbicides in preventing male to female HIV transmission, at a hospital in the capital Kampala. I then set up an HIV sero-discordant couples cohort in the rural south of the country and co-ordinated the Ugandan site's involvement in a large multi-centre phase III clinical trial. On return to the UK in 2003 I continued to work on the same project doing clinical monitoring of the Ugandan, Tanzanian, Zambian and South African sites. This involved lots of travel to Africa which was great. More recently (since becoming pregnant and not wanting to take anti-malarials any more) I have been working on some clinical trials of new cancer treatments – trials being conducted in Europe and North America. I also work as course director and tutor on the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine's distance learning programmes MSc Epidemiology and MSc Clinical Trials.





# Postgraduate Student

**Name** Alice Brooke

**Current Job Title** Postgraduate student in Spanish  
(University of Oxford)

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Pembroke College, University of Cambridge,  
Modern Languages (German and Spanish)

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

In addition to my own research into Early Modern Spanish literature, I also teach Oxford undergraduates in Spanish, am involved in the admissions process and organise graduate conferences around the country. I have a BA in Modern Languages, an MSt in European Literature and am working towards a DPhil in Spanish.



# Education Officer

**Name** Rachel Sinfield

**Former Surname** Watson

**Current Job Title** Education Officer, The Fitzwilliam  
Museum University of Cambridge

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

University of London – BA Combined Hons  
History/History of Art

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Experienced Museum Educator who has worked in a number of London collections and now works at The Fitzwilliam Museum, planning programmes for audiences of all ages and trainee teachers from the University of Cambridge's Homerton College.



# Higher Level Teaching Assistant

**Name** Joanne Lynch

**Former Surname** Nuttall

**Current Job Title** Higher Level Teaching Assistant (Primary)

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Manchester Metropolitan University



# Catering Manager

**Name** Susannah Sladen

**Former Surname** Booth

**Current Job Title** Catering Manager, Elior UK Ltd

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Sheffield Polytechnic (Sheffield Hallam University)  
BSc (Hons) Hotel and Catering Management

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Private chef and housekeeper for an international banker for one year, plenty of travel and seeing how the other half live! Restaurant and rooms management for a large brewery and hotel company for several years, good grounding experience and taught a lot of discipline. Outside Catering Events manager for several years, one year as gap year and then mainly, when I had time, taught management skills and people training skills. Started my own business when I had my daughter (now 12 years old!). Sold on after 12 months. Training Manager for a recruitment company for 1 year...teaching the skills I had learned over the years to students who wanted a career in catering and hospitality. Education catering in local authority for 5 years...brilliant grounding experience! Retail catering management for 3 years. Currently in retail catering for a global company. Areas of expertise: staff training and development, nutrition, food safety, health and safety, troubleshooting, gross profit control and accounting systems analysis.





# Head of Modern Languages

**Name** Grace Stamper

**Former Surname** Bond

**Current Job Title** Head of Modern Languages,  
Royds Specialist Language College

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

University of Newcastle upon Tyne to study BA (Hons) Latin American Studies and Portuguese/University of Northumbria at Newcastle to study PGCE

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

After my PGCE I moved with my husband-to-be to Leeds and began teaching Spanish and French in a secondary school in North Leeds. After 18 months I became Head of Spanish managing 2 people and in 2005 attained the position of Head of Languages at Royds Specialist Language College in Oulton. Royds is an 11-18 comprehensive school which has intake from a wide range of areas. I have a department of up to 15 people which can be challenging but a very exciting role for me. Since working there, I have had the opportunity of attending Specialist Schools Trust network meetings, and have had the chance to work with some of the very best classroom practitioners in the country, including within my own department. Being HoD in a specialist school I have been very fortunate with regards to funding and being able to see through so many innovative and current initiatives that have impacted so positively on classroom practice. I consider my department to be one of the leading departments in innovation in the area and I have an excellent team of very talented and reflective teachers who share a common goal of excellence and good practice. I love my job and in 10 years I can honestly say I have never been bored. Students, whilst stressful on occasions and sometimes with opinions on behaviour I do not share (!) are the most rewarding people to work with. No two lessons/days/ minutes are the same. Before working in teaching I had virtually no experience of IT/ whiteboards or really anything digital, but I now consider myself to be a bit of a bloggin queen and I am ever motivated by finding the next tool to use to further not only the experience of my students, but also their progress. I am convinced that teaching is like Marmite-you will love it or hate it, but it can be an incredible journey if you take on the challenges it throws at you. I have also had two gorgeous girls in the meantime and whilst juggling family responsibility and work can be difficult it is not impossible. I have learnt over the last few years that I can enjoy both my home life and school life if I work as much as I can at school so that my home time is home time. It is possible, even though at times I can feel like I do both jobs badly (but I suppose everyone feels like that at times) I am more and more comfortable with doing both. I think I may get a cleaner soon but that is a compromise I can live with!



## MEDICAL

Medical Student Retired Neonatal Nurse GP Registrar Associate Practitioner  
Midwife GP & Family Planning Specialist Veterinary Surgeon Medical Student  
Veterinary Surgeon Senior Pharmacist Outpatient Services Manager Speech  
& Language Therapist Highly Specialist Speech & Language Therapist  
General Practitioner Dentist GP Partner Cardiac Rehabilitation  
Practitioner Optometrist and Staff Development Consultant





# Medical Student

**Name** Lucy Barr

**Current Job Title** Medical Student

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Liverpool medicine degree based at Lancaster.

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

I am currently in my 5th year of medical school.

I passed my medical finals, which are sat at the end of the 4th year.

I got the opportunity to go to Sydney on my elective, where I worked in Royal North Shore Hospital, in the urology department.



# Retired

**Name** Judith Margaret Heaton

**Former Surname** Wormleighton

**Current Job Title** Retired

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

I went to Preston to do Nurses Training at PRI ie. SRN

Darlington Memorial Hospital – Staff Nurse

Southport – Nursing Home

Royal Berkshire, Reading – ITU & Paediatric also BNA and 'claim to fame' – I nursed Helena Bonham Carter's grandmother, Charlotte!!

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Lots – hospitals, private & NHS, all wards and nursing homes.



# Neonatal Nurse

**Name** Sarah Edwards

**Current Job Title** Neonatal Nurse

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

I went to London to train to be a nurse.

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

I work in the neonatal intensive care unit at Barnet Hospital, caring for sick and premature babies.



# GP Registrar

**Name** Dr. Louise Fisher

**Former Surname** Braithwaite

**Current Job Title** GP Registrar

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

University of Nottingham (2001 – 2006) BMedSci (2:1)/BMBS Medicine

Now living and working in Manchester.

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

After finishing my medical degree in Nottingham, I went to Birmingham to complete my foundation years as a junior doctor. I then came to Manchester for my GP training. I am now in my 3rd year and work part-time as a GP (finishing my training) and part-time at the University of Manchester as an Academic Clinical fellow completing my Masters in Research while conducting research in the School of Primary Care for the National Institute of Health Research.





# Associate Practitioner

**Name** Hannah Gregory

**Former Surname** Walsh

**Current Job Title** Associate Practitioner –  
Lancashire Care NHS Trust Secure Services

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Runshaw College – Leyland – A levels in History, German, Psychology and General Studies. UCLan BSc Psychology

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

Worked at Guild Lodge Medium Secure Hospital. I work on a ten bed male assessment ward. I do assessments on men who come from prison or other secure hospitals. I am also involved in 1:1 sessions such as drug/alcohol work, occupational therapy etc. I am also a volunteer for the Breast-feeding Network and help run a support group. I am an area contact for Baby Milk Action.

# Midwife

**Name** Rebecca Gray

**Former Surname** Gillibrand

**Current Job Title** Midwife

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Leeds University to study Midwifery BHs (Hons)

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

After an intense 3 year training programme to not only gain a degree but also the skills to qualify as a midwife, I qualified and worked at Dewsbury District Hospital. I now work at Leeds General Infirmary which is where I trained and enjoy. I have been qualified for five years and have always looked forward to work and I gain huge satisfaction from my job.



# GP & Family Planning Specialist

**Name** Sarah Raistrick

**Former Surname** Cooper

**Current Job Title** GP and Family Planning Specialist

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Imperial College – 1994 – 1999  
Member Royal College Surgeons – 2002  
Member Royal College GPs – 2005

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

- Doctor
- Trained as surgical registrar
- Got married, retrained as a GP (I love it!)
- 3 children
- Specialist in family planning and a GP in London

# Veterinary Surgeon

**Name** Sarah Ashby

**Former Surname** Fishwick

**Current Job Title** Veterinary Surgeon at PDSA, Bradford

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Bristol University – degree in Veterinary Science

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

A good set of A levels led to me being able to undertake the degree which I really wanted. I have had a variety of veterinary jobs but am now settled working in a large charity hospital (PDSA).





# Medical Student



**Name** Keta Keens

**Current Job Title** Final year Medical Student

## Destination after leaving Westholme

St Andrews University 2005 – 2008 BSc (Hons) 2:1 medical science Manchester university, Preston hospital 2008 – present continuing my medical training to obtain an MBChB.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

During my final year studying medicine, I am going to undertake a two month placement abroad at Starship Children's Hospital, New Zealand with one of the top paediatric cardiologists. I hope to continue after qualifying with my medical training and pursue a career in paediatrics.

# Veterinary Surgeon



**Name** Eleanor Farquhar

**Current Job Title** Veterinary Surgeon BVetMed MRCVS

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Royal Veterinary College, London. Graduated 2009 and then worked in S. London in a small animal practice.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

Currently backpacking in South America.



# Senior Pharmacist



**Name** Claire Hutchinson

**Former Surname** Blackshaw

**Current Job Title** Senior Pharmacist – NHS North Yorkshire and York

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Bath University, School of Pharmacy – graduated 1990 B.Pharm (Hons) then proceeded to Bristol Royal Infirmary for pre-registration training. Registered as Pharmacist with Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain in 1991 (MRPharmS).

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

Worked as Hospital Pharmacist in various roles in Blackburn, Leeds and Harrogate from 1991 – 2003. Completed MSc in Clinical Pharmacy (Queen's University, Belfast – Distance Learning) in 1996.

Since 2003 been working as a Pharmacist in Primary Care (Community) sector of NHS, providing prescribing advice to GPs and other healthcare professionals. Now working part-time due to family commitments.

# Outpatient Services Manager



**Name** Elizabeth Barker

**Former Surname** Thompson

**Current Job Title** Outpatient Services Manager.

## Destination after leaving Westholme

Trained at Blackburn Royal Infirmary and Salford College – Radiographer. Worked in Diagnostic Imaging Department at BRI until 2003. Moved to Beardwood Hospital as Imaging Manager. In 2008 I became the Imaging Manager covering 3 hospitals – the Bolton-Beaumont and BMI Lancaster and Beardwood. In 2010 I returned solely to Bearwood as the Outpatient Services Manager.



# Speech & Language Therapist

**Name** Nicola Fielden

**Former Surname** Slinger

**Current Job Title** Speech & Language Therapist

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

University College London University

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Paediatric Speech & Language Therapist. Currently self-employed and Clinical Examiner at University of Manchester. Previously worked in NHS managing Children's Services and at University of Manchester as a Clinical Lecturer.



# Highly Specialist Speech & Language Therapist

**Name** Emma Haworth

**Current Job Title** Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh to study Speech Pathology

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

I am a deputy team leader and a lead speech and language therapist. I specialised in Autism, did Emotional and Behavioural difficulties and work in two different educational settings. I currently work 3 days a week and spend the other days with our 16 month old daughter. I love being both an SLT and a mother. Both are challenging and very rewarding jobs.

# General Practitioner

**Name** Asma Raut

**Former Surname** Sange

**Current Job Title** General Practitioner

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

University of Dundee

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Following hospital positions (in general medicine, surgery, psychiatry, accident and emergency, paediatrics and obstetrics and gynaecology) I undertook training as a specialist registrar in general practice and qualified as a general practitioner in 2009.



# Mother & Full-time Housewife

**Name** Kate Sherry

**Current Job Title** Mother & full-time housewife

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Reading University - Chemistry Food & Science.  
Nottingham University - PhD in Flavour Chemistry

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Pedigree masterfoods - research scientist into health & well being of dogs & cats, marketing for Whiskas and communication and training.





# GP Partner

**Name** Becky Prince

**Former Surname** Walker

**Current Job Title** GP Partner in Kent

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Cambridge University Medical School. House jobs in North London/West Suffolk and East Kent, GP training at St Thomas' Hospital – London. Now in Kent!

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

After qualifying as a doctor in 2004, I worked in a number of different hospitals across Suffolk, Kent and North London before applying for GP training at St Thomas' in London. The training involved working in Psychiatry, Accident & Emergency, Paediatrics, Family Planning & Sexual Health, Obstetrics & Gynaecology and General Practice. I had to take the compulsory MRCGP exam but also took optional diplomas in obstetrics & gynaecology, family planning and sexual health and counselling. After completing my GP training I decided I wanted to work closer to home in Kent so applied for a partnership advertised in the British Medical Journal, went for an interview and started work 2 weeks ago! Now I'm getting to know my new list of patients and starting to learn about the business aspects of General Practice!

# Dentist

**Name** Hajra Bhikha

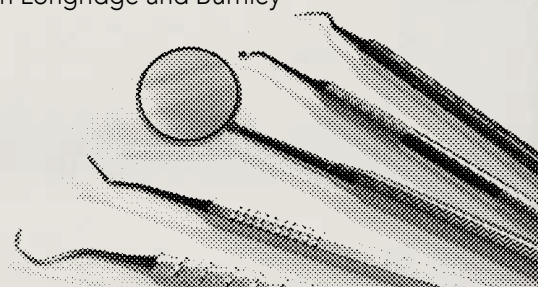
**Current Job Title** Dentist

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Leeds University – School of Dentistry, Lancaster Deanery – Vocational training year. Working in practice – based in Longridge and Burnley

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

Currently a newly qualified dentist.



# Cardiac Rehabilitation Practitioner

**Name** Beth Baron

**Former Surname** Wolfenden

**Current Job Title** Cardiac Rehabilitation Practitioner

**Destination after leaving Westholme**

Slightly unconventional and not going straight to university I became a mum at an early age and concentrated on bringing up my son until he was in Junior School. I then felt it was time to pursue my career and trained as a Personal Trainer. From there I went on to train as an Exercise Specialist in Cardiac Rehabilitation and am now in my final year of an MSc in Cardiovascular Rehabilitation at the University of Chester.

**Expertise and Summary of Experience**

I am the lead clinical exercise specialist for Burnley Borough Councils Exercise Referral Scheme. I specialise in and am responsible for the rehabilitation of patients who have been through cardiac surgery and other cardiac events. I also lead on the Weight Management referral programme for the borough helping people to lose weight and, therefore, prevent bariatric surgery. I work in a community setting working to reach those who may not traditionally access health care and believe that the work I do has a profound impact on people's lives. I do not have an undergraduate degree but have 'climbed the ladder' with perseverance and work experience and believe that I found my vocation a little later than others, but that it is something I believe in passionately.





# Optometrist and Staff Development Consultant

**Name** Sarah Morgan

**Former Surname** Keegan

**Current Job Title** Optometrist and Staff Development Consultant; Visiting Scientist, University of Manchester.

## Destination after leaving Westholme

University of Bradford, Optometry BSc (Hons) Pre-registration year, Boots Opticians MCOptom University of Manchester, MPhil

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

When I was 13 I became fascinated by the eye – I remember giving a talk on the subject for the Pendle House Public Speaking competition. At the same time, I was very involved in the music and drama life in school. For 'A' level, I then had to choose between following my love of music or taking Maths and Science subjects to gain the relevant entry requirements to do Optometry. I opted for the latter on my parents' advice – I remember my Dad saying 'you can always have music as a hobby'. I spent four years in high street practice, and then had the opportunity to work as a research optometrist involved in clinical trials at the University of Manchester, which in turn gave me the opportunity to deliver lectures at conferences (it turned out the English Speaking Board Exam training came in handy!). I also started teaching on the undergraduate programme and discovered that I really enjoyed teaching. Around the same time, I started my own consultancy helping businesses to train their staff and working with manufacturers in areas of communication – to both the profession and to the consumer. Translating technical information into lay terms has been a key focus of my work, and in 2008, I published my second book 'The Complete Optometric Assistant' which is frequently ranked in the top ten of Optometry books on Amazon. When I left school, I was aiming to be an optometrist. Gaining a professional qualification is something that I'll always appreciate. I have two children, and my career has given me the necessary flexibility that becoming a parent requires. In my 'spare' time, I run a youth choir in the village of Blackrod where I live, I have performed stand-up comedy at the Manchester Comedy Store, and I sometimes add an unexpected song to lectures and training seminars to enhance the learning experience and add some entertainment value. I think many of these 'tendencies' were nurtured at Westholme.



# Paediatric Surgeon

**Name** Shabnam Parkar

**Current Job Title** Paediatric Surgeon

## Destination after leaving Westholme

I qualified in Medicine from Imperial College, London in 2005. I completed my foundation years 1&2 as a junior doctor first in Colchester than in West London.

## Expertise and Summary of Experience

During my last few years in medical school I decided that I wanted to work in a field that incorporated surgery and working with children. I obtained a run through surgical training post in London which is an 8 year programme and leads to consultancy. 1500 people applied for 30 jobs in London, I fought through with sheer determination and gained a post! The first two years are for basic surgical training, and then one begins to specialise during their higher specialist training from years 3-8. I did my basic surgical training at Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, Hammersmith and Charing Cross, and did general surgery, cardiothoracics and plastics. I also did 6 months of paediatric surgery at Great Ormond Street Hospital; A place I aspire to work in again.

After completing basic surgical training, we apply competitively to the specialist field we want to pursue within surgery. I chose paediatric surgery and that fact that they were only 4 jobs in London and Kent didn't put me off!

I began my 1st year of higher specialist training as a paediatric surgical registrar this October and was told I was one of the youngest in the UK to achieve this level at my age. I am currently working at St George's Hospital in London. I am also developing a virtual simulator for training in laparoscopic surgery and will be presenting it at a conference in Hawaii this year! I am still developing it and applying for funding.







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