

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

TRANSFORMING LIVES

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Previous School: Ian Ramsey

Ciara's path to a career in policing has been shaped by a solid academic foundation built at QE, where she studied Law, Psychology, and Sociology. These subjects not only sparked her interest in the justice system but also instilled a strong sense of discipline and high standards that continue to guide her professional journey today.

After her time at QE, Ciara pursued further education at the University of Leeds, studying Criminal Justice and Criminology.

Ciara's story highlights how a blend of academic disciplines can open doors to diverse career

opportunities. Her time studying at QE provided a solid base in the social sciences, and her continued education at Leeds sharpened her focus on criminal justice, equipping her with the knowledge necessary for her role in policing.

“Studying law has helped me immensely in understanding the legislation used in my policing career. It’s given me the tools to navigate the legal aspects of law enforcement, which has been invaluable”



Meg McWilliam

Freelance Artist

Previous School: Longfield

■ **Subjects studied at QE**
Film Studies, Sociology, Textiles, Art Foundation

■ **Progression**
Fashion, *Northumbria University*

“Without QE, I wouldn't have started creating the art I make today or gained the skills and confidence to approach clients. I've had the opportunity to work with Netflix, Adidas, and several Rupaul's Drag Race Queens. My artwork is also currently featured in the Baltic. I'm incredibly grateful to QE for all their support.”

Adam Cooper

Games Programmer & Software Developer

Codematik Lts

Previous School: Woodham

■ **Subjects studied at QE**
Computer Science, Graphics, IT

■ **Progression**
Computer Games Programming BSc, *University of Teesside*



“QE played a key role in shaping my early interest in programming. The coursework modules were engaging and well-structured, which I believe laid the foundation for the core skills that were later developed further at university and in my career.”

Tom, now a successful field property photographer and videographer, reflects on his journey that started with studying Photography and Media at QE. After completing his studies there, Tom decided to pursue Higher Education at Falmouth University, where he deepened his love for the outdoors and landscape photography by pursuing a Degree in Marine & Natural History Photography.

After graduating, Tom undertook further training to become a fully qualified Property Photographer. Throughout this process, the skills he developed at QE played a significant role in shaping his career. One key skill he picked up during his time at QE was learning InDesign, which he credits as essential for the release of his first book, *Power of the Sea*. This book explores the mental health benefits of the ocean through the power of waves, something Tom is passionate about, and without InDesign, he says the project wouldn't have come to life.



Tom Snowdon

Field Property Photographer & Videographer

At QE, I was pushed to my limits and given a series of tasks that challenged me creatively. Photography, in particular, stretched me beyond what I thought I could do. If it wasn't for the architecture portfolio I was encouraged to create, I might never have discovered my love for property photography. My passion for photographing interesting buildings within such a rich landscape wouldn't be here today.



Jamie Roberts-Thompson

Doctor
NHS

Previous School: Hummersknott

- **Subjects studied at QE**
Biology, Chemistry, English Language, Tudor History
- **Progression**
Medicine, *Newcastle University*

“QE was a great place to learn and meet new people. The college teachers really encouraged independent learning and challenged and encouraged people to achieve to the best of their abilities. The career advice and university application support was faultless and something I would encourage all students to take advantage of.”

Jess Ince

Engineering Geologist
Ground Investigations Ireland

Previous School: Hurworth

- **Subjects studied at QE**
Geography, Geology, Maths
- **Progression**
Geology BSc, *University of Hull*
Engineering Geology MSc, *Newcastle University*



“There aren't many colleges nearby that offer Geology so without my time at QE, I might never have discovered my true passion for it. I knew straight away that it's what I wanted to study at University”



Chris Sykes

Senior Journalist

BBC Radio 5 Live Sport

Previous School: Houghton Academy

During his time at QE, Chris excelled in a diverse range of subjects, studying English Language, Media, Psychology, and Politics, before pursuing a degree in Sport Journalism at the University of Sunderland. It was there that he honed his writing, research, and broadcasting skills, preparing him for the dynamic and competitive field of sports journalism.

Today, Chris works as a Senior Journalist at BBC Radio 5 Live Sport, one of the UK's leading sports broadcasting stations, where he covers some of the biggest events in the sporting world and shares his insights with thousands of listeners.

QE provided me with the essential skills that became the foundation of my career. Through subjects like English Language and Media Production, I gained technical expertise I use daily, while also honing valuable life skills such as time management and effective communication.

Wilfred Humphrey

Design Engineer

Rolls Royce

Previous School: Carmel

Wilfred has earned a prestigious Engineering Degree Apprenticeship at Rolls-Royce in Derby after successfully completing his A Levels with us in Geology, Maths, Physics, and Chemistry.

QE was a fantastic experience that gave me the flexibility to study the subjects I enjoyed and also the support to pursue options alternative to university. I really appreciate the time I spent at QE and the quality of teaching that helped me get to where I am now.

Emily Roberts

Associate Ambulance Practitioner

Yorkshire Ambulance Service

Previous School: Richmond

QE offered so many opportunities and ensured I wasn't restricted in terms of what I could pursue after QE.

After studying Maths, Business, Economics and IT with us, Ellie made the decision to pursue an apprenticeship. Today, we're proud to share that she's now thriving as an Associate Ambulance Practitioner for the Yorkshire Ambulance Service!





Robin Wileman

Registered Dietician

Previous School: Wolsingham

Robin studied Psychology, Biology, and Chemistry before moving to Plymouth to pursue a 4-year Integrated Masters in Dietetics, which included over 1,000 hours of clinical placement, exams, and a dissertation on empathy and communication skills in Dietetics.

While studying, Robin worked part-time as a student ambassador, a sales supervisor for the Students' Union shop, and a dietetic intern, writing blogs on topics like diet culture and body image. She is now a member of the British Dietetic Association's Mental Health and Autism specialist sub-groups.

QE helped my to find work experience at places like the High Tide Foundation, St Theresa's Hospice, and James Cook University Hospital, helping me to explore my options.

Robin reflects: "I had no idea what a Dietitian was before QE, but now it's my full-time job. When I realised medicine wasn't the right path for me, a careers advisor suggested Dietetics after I wrote my Extended Project on the gut microbiome and mental health. QE also offered work experience at places like the High Tide Foundation, St Theresa's Hospice, and James Cook University Hospital, helping me explore my options".