



ABOUT ME

My name is Natalie.
I used to go to Headlands and now I am a marketing and communications manager.

ABOUT MY JOB

I have always worked in construction but just moved into nuclear engineering, it means that I am not actually allowed to talk about some of my work now.

But on the whole I win work for my company through writing and designing tenders, I run all the marketing and communications - this includes the social media, website, presentations, awards, brochures, literature, branding... anything and everything that people see or read that is to do with the company I work for.

SCHOOL RESULTS

I left Headlands in 2003
My grades were Music Tech A Level - C, Art A Level - C, General Studies A Level - D, Psychology A Level - D, Physics AS Level - D
GCSEs: 2 x A, 3 x B, 4 x C

FAVOURITE MEMORIES

I still have a lot of my friends from Headlands, so my friendship group. I also remember Mr Emery telling me somehow that I was going to fail Science. Whatever he said really annoyed me so I made an effort to get a double AA to prove him wrong.

When I look back now that's exactly why he said whatever he said to me, so he definitely won, but at least it brought out my potential. I do look back and wished I had put that much effort into all my subjects and got the grades I really could have achieved!

We used to do amazing concerts, I was in the orchestra. Some of the stuff Mr Chapman and Mr Grantham did together was amazing, we walked through the school at the start of a film night concert playing the usual film tune opener, I will never forget it!

WHAT I DID NEXT

After leaving, I went to Yorkshire Coast College to do a BTEC Foundation Diploma in Art and Design, and then Gloucestershire University for BA (Hons) in Graphic Design.

MY ADVICE TO STUDENTS

My advice is take opportunities to grow and don't always think things have to be conventional, I have e-mailed a couple of companies asking if they need me and then gone in and created a role for myself that enhances what they do and uses my skills.

Don't ever be a person who says my roles and responsibilities in a job are this I am not going to do anything else.

Also, pick something you enjoy, you will spend so much of your life doing this that it needs to be something you enjoy.

Plan to be surprised by what happens to you and enjoy the challenges. Don't think that you stop learning either.