



## ABOUT ME

**My name is Samantha.**  
**I used to go to Headlands and now I am a freelance dancer.**

## ABOUT MY JOB

My job as a freelancer is very exciting as I work on a variety of dance-based and festival projects, utilising a range of diverse skills.

Previously, I have worked both as a producer on a dance festival titled the Billingham International Folklore Festival and as a project coordinator for Newcastle-based choreographer Dora Frankel's touring choreographic work that are titled Touch The Beast and Figures In A Floating Landscape.

As a freelancer, I work on a variety of different projects this involves meeting new people and constantly engaging with new experiences. My work involves planning, creating and the execution of a project. My favourite part of my job is joining in the company professional classes or anything to just be moving.

## SCHOOL RESULTS

I left Headlands school in 2013 with 10 GCSEs at A\* to C, including Dance and Drama which were my absolute favourite classes.

I loved getting creative in the studio, devising choreography and just having fun.

## FAVOURITE MEMORIES

My favourite memories would be taking part in Rock Challenge, a dance competition as it was always so much fun.

I really enjoyed my English lessons with Miss Finn and taking part in the school productions was also very exciting.

## WHAT I DID NEXT

I went straight on to Scarborough Sixth Form College to finish my A-level studies, then went on to Teesside University to study a BA (Hons) in Dance.

Then, I followed my academic pursuits further to complete a Masters in Creative and Cultural Industries Management.

Since then, I have worked on multiple dance-based projects in the North East of England. I have travelled up and down the UK, touring performances and in the future will be taking touring performances internationally.

Recently I have relocated to Leeds, so I am very excited for more opportunities within the arts industry.

## MY ADVICE TO STUDENTS

**Whatever industry or sector you want to go in, be prepared to work hard.**

**All courses and careers come with hard work and determination but if you want it, you will get there. Do something that you really enjoy and that makes you happy because that is invaluable.**

**My most important bit of advice is to embrace your uniqueness because you are the only version of you and that is fantastic.**

**The most valuable thing I learnt from reading a book called Feel The Fear and Do It Anyway don't let fear come in the way of achieving your ambitions and goals because every step is a step forward.**



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