

ST IVES SCHOOL ALUMNI



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What was your favourite subject at school and why?

Science - I've always wanted to know 'why' things happen. I enjoyed mainly physics and biology and discovered that science incorporates so many different skill sets and is the basis for everything that we do. Now that I work in the airborne environment, having this understanding is key to understanding not only how a plane flies but also how it gets to its destination safely and efficiently, allowing us to achieve our objective.

What has been your greatest achievement in life and how did your experience at St Ives School help you to achieve other successes?

Earning my Flying Badge as an Air Loadmaster in the RAF. Being at St Ives School gave me all the foundations to pursue further education and the confidence to commit to a goal. At St Ives School, I learnt that not everything will go to plan, in fact, it rarely does, but if you have the resilience and confidence to try again you will often end up stronger and have learnt more along the way.

What one piece of advice would you give to current students?

Don't be afraid to try something. If at first glance it seems like it's not for you, you could be surprised. I don't have any regrets about opportunities that I attempted, but I do regret making un-informed decisions about some experiences I didn't give a go.