



What our past pupils  
are doing now....

# Jessica Roberts

## A LEVELS:

St Hilda's/St Margaret's 2010  
Biology, Chemistry, Geography, German.

## UNIVERSITY:

University of Liverpool 2010-2015  
Medicine and Surgery (included a 5 week placement in Berlin, as well as a 4 month Erasmus Exchange in Ulm, where I made long-lasting friends)

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:

Doctor (trainee anaesthetist) in Liverpool

## OTHER:

I've also travelled to Germany numerous times (Cologne, Berlin, Dresden, Stuttgart, Munich, Bodensee, Garmisch), been to Austria (Zell am See, Kaprun, Innsbruck, Salzburg) and Switzerland (Davos, St Moritz, Glacier Express).



# Ian Ellison

## A LEVELS:

St Margaret's/St Hilda's 2007  
French, German, English

## UNIVERSITY:

\* University of Liverpool 2007-2011

BA Honours in German, French and Spanish (including a year abroad studying at Université de Bourgogne, Dijon in France)

\* University of Bristol 2014-2015

MPhil in European Literature

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:

University of Leeds (2015 – present)

PhD in Comparative Literature and Research Student and Seminar Tutor in Comparative Literature.



# Ian Ellison

## OTHER:

- \* Secondary school teacher of French, German, and Spanish in the UK 2011-2014
- \* Classroom assistant in Madrid 2013-2015
- \* Research papers presented in the UK and in Copenhagen, Istanbul, Stockholm, Johannesburg, and Amsterdam 2016 – 2017
- \* DAAD (German Academic Exchange) one-year research grant as a Visiting Academic at the Goethe Universität Frankfurt 2017 – 2018 .
- \* From autumn 2019, teaching Literaturwissenschaft at Goethe Universität Frankfurt.

# Chloe Griffin

## A LEVELS:

St Hilda's/St Margaret's 2007  
French, German, English Literature

## UNIVERSITY:

\* University of Bangor 2007-2011

Joint Honours BA in French, German and Italian Studies (including studying for a year at university in Mainz, Germany, Lyon, France and Gorizia, Udine, Italy)

\* Newcastle University 2011-2012

Masters in Professional Translating for European Languages

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:

Manager for UK company in Copenhagen, Denmark. From 2017, I will be based in Paris. I also do freelance translation.



# Chloe Griffin

## OTHER:

- Whilst at St Hilda's Frau Boyland encouraged and supported me to apply for a British council project competition, where I was able to attend a German grammar school for two weeks in Cologne and stay with a German family. The girl I stayed with has remained a close friend ever since & we have visited each other in Paris, Marseille, Germany and the U.K. I am very grateful that I had this first experience abroad, it gave me an appetite for studying, working and living abroad with different languages and cultures!
- As part of my university degree I studied for a semester in each of my language countries. The experience helped my progression in the three languages a lot and I've met some friends for life from all over Europe!

# Lydia Brown

## A LEVELS:

St Hilda's/St Margaret's 2010  
Psychology, German, Sociology, ICT

## UNIVERSITY:

\* Liverpool Hope University 2010-2014  
Primary Teaching with Disability Studies QTS

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:

Class Teacher at Plantation Primary School  
Halewood



# Hannah Elphick

## A LEVELS:

St Hilda's/St Margaret's 2007  
French, German, Biology

## UNIVERSITY:

University of Leeds 2007 -2010  
BSC Midwifery (In 3<sup>rd</sup> year, I went to Ghana with a company called Work the World. I stayed with a group of people from around the country and we worked in a hospital. We got to see how midwifery works there. It was obviously very different to the UK but an amazing experience.)

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:

Midwife at Peterborough and city hospitals NHS Trust





# Hannah Elphick

## OTHER:

### Project Gateway - South Africa 2007

Project Gateway is project in South Africa in an old prison that provides care for the community. It has a school, an overnight shelter for homeless people, an orphanage and runs business training courses to equip people with the skills that they need to start their own businesses to provide for their families. It also has a pregnancy crisis centre and does a lot of work with HIV and AIDS.

I was part of a group that went when I finished school. We taught PE and music in the school, we worked in the orphanage, we did a lot of building and painting to improve the site, we went into the local hospital and did a food bank there as a lot of people had no food and basically just helped out in whatever ways we could! It was really fun! I made friends for life with the team that I went with and in our spare time we got to have amazing experiences such as going on safari and exploring South Africa!

# Hannah Gough

## A LEVELS:

St Hilda's/St Margaret's 2012

French, German, Chemistry, Mathematics

## UNIVERSITY:

University of Manchester 2012-2016

Master of Chemistry (including an internship at the Institute for Inorganic and Analytical Chemistry, University of Freiburg in Germany)

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:

Analytics Intern at Metafused Ltd, Manchester.



# Ben Thomas

## A LEVELS:

St Margaret's/St Hilda's (German) 2006  
German, French, English Literature.

## UNIVERSITY:

Newcastle University 2006-2010

BA Hons German and French (including year abroad, working as a language assistant in a secondary school in Aachen, Germany)

- PGCE QTS Primary Education
- Currently studying a MSc in Educational Leadership and Management via Portsmouth Uni distance learning.

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:

Head of Primary School at Grundschule Holzkirchen, Bavaria, Germany

## OTHER:

Worked at a youth hostel in Aix-les-Bains in the French Alps as a receptionist for 3 months.



# Craig Garner

## A LEVELS:

St Margaret's/St Hilda's (German) 2006  
German, History, Law.

## UNIVERSITY:

\* University of Leeds 2006-2010

BA Hons German and Italian (including year abroad, studying at the University of Tübingen, Germany and the University of Genoa, Italy.)

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:

Freelance translator specializing in patent translation in Liverpool, having worked for a couple of years doing the same job in Munich, Germany.



# Jonathan Lasham

## A LEVELS:

St Margaret's/St Hilda's 2014  
German, Biology, Chemistry.

## UNIVERSITY:

\* University of Leicester 2014-2018  
MChem Chemistry

\* University of Helsinki 2018 -  
PhD Biophysics

## OTHER:

I enjoy travelling throughout Europe and I have maintained an interest in languages. Studying German A Level helped me learn more about the culture and history of other countries, and it is something I am still interested in today. I'm really excited to start a PhD in Finland, and I can't wait to have a go at learning some Finnish!



# Liam Kelly

## A LEVELS:

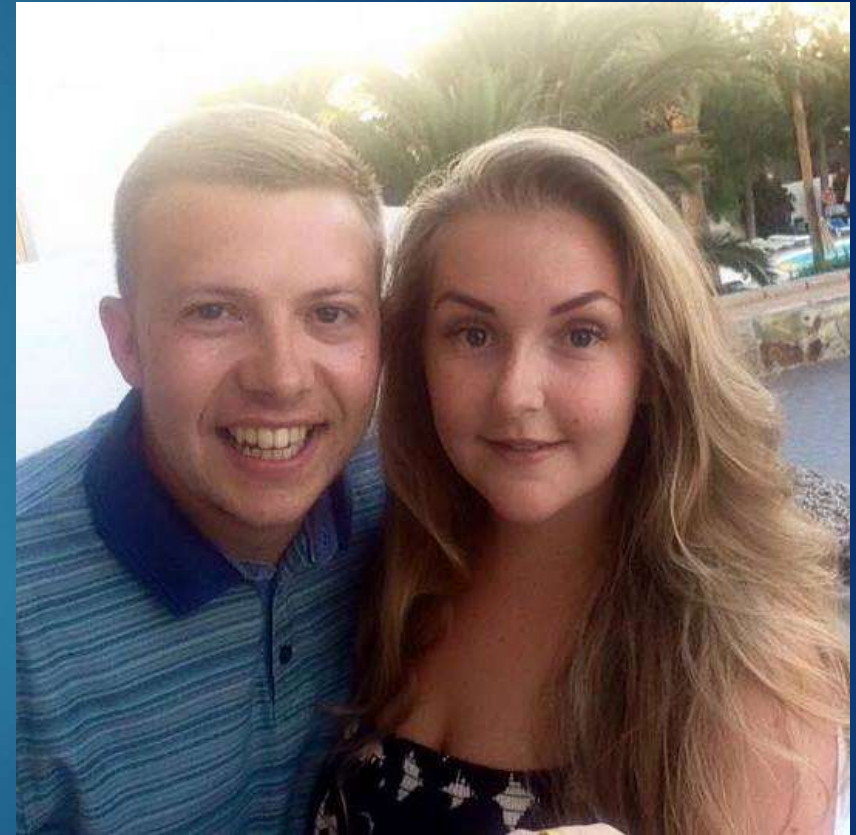
St Margaret's/St Hilda's (German) 2009  
German, French, History.

## UNIVERSITY:

University of Liverpool 2009-2013  
BA Hons French Studies (including year abroad, working as a language assistant in a secondary school in Loudéac, Brittany. Played football for the local team, which was the turning point in the the whole year. Got into coaching an Under 13 team at the club, which took me all over the region and gave me some great memories and lasting friendships.)

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:

Customer Experience Executive (UK, Fr, Germany, Netherlands, Italy) @ Sentinel Performance Solutions in Daresbury, Warrington



# Liam Kelly

## OTHER:

- British Council-sponsored research project, Cologne, 2008  
Carried out a research project in a Cologne school (on the subject of teaching of PE lessons in German schools), whilst staying with a family for 2 weeks. A fantastic experience for a 17 year old.
- \* St Hilda's/Dovedale trip to Bonn, 2008  
Accompanied a class of primary school children to Christmas Markets in Bonn. Great trip where the students were split into student-led groups
- \* Frequent traveller to Germany, often to see former St Hilda's language assistant Jörg !

Fair to say that my knowledge of languages has served me very well, personally and privately, and I would encourage anyone who can use languages to go for it – it can take you far (literally!)

# Emma Anderson

## A LEVELS:

St Hilda's/ St Margaret's 2013  
Biology, Chemistry, Physics, German.

## UNIVERSITY:

University of Hull 2013-2016  
BSC Chemistry

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:

September 2016 – present: Chemistry Technician  
December 2018: to start in the Civil Service working as a  
Caseworker for UK Visa and Immigration Department





# Grace Mailey

## A LEVELS:

Archbishop Blanch/ St Hilda's 2016  
French, German, History.

## UNIVERSITY:

University of Salford 2016-2019  
Broadcast Journalism

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:

BBC Radio Merseyside and Manchester

I've just come back from a summer travelling round Europe, using my languages helped me to explore other countries.



# Rachel Moore

## A LEVELS:

St Hilda's for GCSE and then Carmel College 2011  
History, German Economics.

## UNIVERSITY:

University of Leeds 2011-2015  
BA German and History (including one year abroad  
spent in Hamburg, Germany, working as a language  
assistant)

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:

Currently studying teacher training (PGCE) in  
London.

# Sarah Bargh

## A LEVELS:

St Hilda's 2014

French, History, Geography, German (AS).

## UNIVERSITY:

University of St Andrews 2015-2018

BA Hons French and German.

## OTHER:

Currently teaching myself Swedish along side French and German. Skills learned from Language classes at school have helped me to be able to teach myself effectively in a language that I've never had formal teaching in.

I am now looking forward to training to be an MFL teacher, starting in September in Liverpool.



# Christina Head

## A LEVELS:

St Hilda's/ St Margaret's 2008  
Biology, Chemistry, History, German.

## UNIVERSITY:

- \* University of Oxford 2008-2011  
BA Hons History
- \* PGCE Secondary Teaching

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:

Senior Policy Advisor (Children's Social Care) at the Department for Education

## OTHER:

During this time (in no small part thanks to getting the travel bug from a summer touring around Germany at the end of Y12) trips have taken me across most of Europe and further afield from Morocco to New York.

A-Level German has given me skills and understanding far broader than knowing the language itself; I had definitely under-estimated how attractive it is to employers even 10 years later.



# Emily Plunkett

## A LEVELS:

St Hilda's 2013

German, History, Philosophy and Ethics.

## UNIVERSITY:

University of Edinburgh 2013- 2017

German and Philosophy (including a year working as an assistant in Meldorf, Germany.)

## FUTURE EMPLOYMENT:

Hoping to do teacher training after maybe one or two more years working in Germany as a language assistant in schools helping teach English

## OTHER:

At the moment I'm travelling around Scottish schools trying to convince secondary students to keep learning languages because it is one of the most rewarding, life enriching things a person could ever do.



# Rebecca O'Hare

## A LEVELS:

St Hilda's/ St Margaret's 2008  
German, French, History.

## UNIVERSITY:

University of Liverpool 2008 - 2012  
Modern European Languages: French, German, and Spanish  
(including a year abroad studying in Bonn, Germany and  
Barcelona, Spain.)

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:

Open Awards: Development and Marketing Officer (new  
position! Promoted after 12 months) in Liverpool

(Although I had an additional Diploma in Marketing, I was told by my employers that I got the interview for my current position because they saw that I studied language and knew the commitment that entailed. Both of my managers studied foreign languages at university too!)



# Rebecca O'Hare

## OTHER:

- \* Au Pair – German (Hagen) -2010
- \* Volunteer- The Reader Organization – Reading with vulnerable young adults.
- \* Currently studying Mandarin Chinese 你好!

# Vanessa Coburn

## A LEVELS:

St Hilda's 2013

Music, Geography, German.

## UNIVERSITY:

University of Bangor 2013-2016

Bmus Music.

## FUTURE EMPLOYMENT:

PGCE for either Primary or Secondary teaching

## OTHER:

Visited Berlin, Cologne and Munich, enjoyed every second of it- planning to re-visit in the near future.

