



Meet Alumni,

Thank you to former student Joshua Peck for answering our questions about his time at Hundred of Hoo and his career since.



When did you attend the academy?

I started in 2003 and stayed through Sixth Form, eventually leaving in 2010, though I'm very much the Class of 08.

What did you like best about being there?

The 8.30-2.55, Monday to Friday... In all seriousness, I made friends for life while at Hoo and will always have good memories. The bus ride in and home every day was always a laugh, and lessons often flew by. Would love to do it all again.

Any favourite memories?

Went on a few memorable trips, including to New York while in Sixth Form. Also spent a week or so in Barcelona while in Year 9 (I think).

Any clubs/activities that you participated in?

I was part of the Young Enterprise during Year 12, that was challenging at times but good fun.

Favourite subjects?

I enjoyed Geography and didn't mind Maths. Business Studies was also good when GCSEs began.

Any staff you particularly remember?

Mrs Nairn was great as my form teacher for a couple of years, as was Mr Watts. Mr Sandhu was also brilliant fun and who can forget Mr Arthur

Where did you go after leaving?

After two years in Sixth Form at Hoo, I headed off to study for three years at Southampton Solent University.

What did you study after leaving?

I studied Sports Journalism at Solent, and graduated in 2013.

Career journey since

Having had work experience at The Non-League Paper during my time at uni, I got back in touch with those guys and began working there. Greenways Publishing also publishes the likes of The Rugby Paper, The Football League Paper, and The Cricket Paper. I worked my way up and, also loving cricket, became News Editor of The Cricket Paper. After four years at Greenways, I moved to Reach PLC, joining the Daily Express online sport team, initially working overnight. In January 2020, I moved onto the Daily Star online sport team as a reporter, where I remain.

Any advice that you'd give to the 18-year-old you?

Make the most of your time. It's very easy, especially while at university, to waste days away. There's



nothing wrong with spending a morning hungover after a big night out, but don't let that drift into the night where you're left wondering 'what did I even do today?'