

THE WESTGATE SCHOOL

Hampshire's First 4-16 'All Through' School



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1) What path have you taken since leaving school?

I am a third year medical student at Peninsula schools of medicine and dentistry. I had a gap year

before moving to Plymouth, as I had to resit my Biology A level. I was told countless times that I would never get into medical school, so I would love the chance to talk about my experiences and struggles with students who either want to go into medicine/dentistry, or students who feel as though they can't do what they want in life.

2) What advice would you give to your 14 year old self?

To enjoy school! Pick subjects you love, not ones which your parents/friends try to force you into. Take part in extracurricular activities and get as involved in the school as you can. Think of teachers as your friends and not to think of them as part of a hierarchical system.

3) What advice would you give to current Westgate pupils ?

School shapes the basis of your future. Work hard and have fun. Teachers only nag because they want the best for you. If you are struggling, ask for help!