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What were your favourite and least favourite subjects at SVC?

My favourite subjects were Computing and PE. SVC was amongst the first to bring in this subject and it immediately captured my imagination. It is no surprise that my entire career has been about developing and selling tech products. PE was a welcome break to academic study! My least favourite subject was French, I simply didn't have the brain for languages and found it impossible to keep up!

What is your current job

I am a Managing Director for a tech company that builds software used by The Government to deliver digital services to consumers, construct digital workplaces and big data integrations for internal Government databases. It is a real privilege to lead 300 colleagues to design, build and run systems that are used every day by all of us.



What pathway did you take to get where you are now

I studied A-Levels at Long Road after my O-Levels, then onto University. I found that the academic side of Uni didn't work out for me and left after the first year. I immediately started a career in sales, moved to Marketing 10 years later and into management in 2005, which led to my first leadership role in 2007. I've been leading and growing tech businesses ever since and have had the opportunity to grow business, acquire companies, meet public figures, travel extensively and help build things that have genuinely improved the lives of all sorts of communities

What did you want to do/what were your plans when you left SVC

I have to confess that my ambition was to be excellent at sales and maybe work for a big tech company. I never dreamed I would one day lead a business and certainly not ones as varied and vital to UK schools, government and emergency services.

What advice would you give SVC students when they are deciding what to do when they leave SVC

Take a look at every option, think about the pro's and con's and be honest with yourself about what you are great at. And remember, if you take a path that doesn't work out, accept it quickly and choose another one having learnt something about yourself.

What do you know now that you wish you knew when you were 15 or 16 yrs old

That it is OK to make choices to you that make sense at the time you take them and that you make new choices when your circumstances change. Also, I should have taken My Bryden's advice (given to me when I was 14) to take up golf, it would have made me a much better golfer than I am today!

What is your one big memory of your time at SVC (good or bad, or both!)

I really loved participating in extra-curricular activities. I got so many non-academic skills doing the plays, musicals and participating in the sports teams that have been as valuable as the skills and knowledge gained in the classroom.