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Today, we are having a Q&A with one of our ex students Jonathan Kennedy, who attended Welling School from 2011 - 2018. Jonathan went on to Oxford Brookes University when he finished studies at Welling School Sixth form and he achieved a 2:1 in his BA Business degree.

Mr Sanghera: Hi Jonathan, thank you for taking the time to talk to us about your time at Welling School and your career. Please tell us about your experience at Welling School.

Jonathan: I had a really great time at Welling School and I genuinely liked all my subjects because I had good working relationships with all my teachers.

Mr Sanghera: If you had to select a favourite subject at Welling School, then what

Jonathan: I loved Spanish because one of my favourite memories is the Spanish trip to Barcelona, which has developed my love for travelling and because the Spanish teachers made me realise the importance of knowing a foreign language, so that you are able to converse with other people from different backgrounds. As a result, I now have many friends living in different countries.

Mr Sanghera: After success in your GCSE subjects, you went onto study Level 3 vocational subjects. So which subjects did you study and how well did you do?

Jonathan: I managed to pass Level 3 Applied Science, Business and IT. I am glad that I studied Vocational subjects because the structure of those courses met my needs and I was always confident of success.

Mr Sanghera: During sixth form you would have had support in applying for University, so what made you select Oxford Brookes?

Jonathan: During sixth form I was allowed to visit different universities and I went to an open day at Oxford Brookes because I knew it had an excellent reputation for its Business course. When I got there I was attracted by the fact that the campus was very modern including floating lecture theatres and that some of the lecturers from Oxford University would also come to teach us as well!

Mr Sanghera: Congratulations Jonathon on your Business degree. You are now working full time, so can you tell us your job title?

Jonathan: I am working as an Internal Trader for a Construction Supplies company.

Mr Sanghera: What are the tasks and responsibilities involved in your role?

Jonathan: The company supplies materials for building construction companies and my role is to ensure that there is a smooth process in buying and selling materials and that we are meeting the business targets. I am mostly on the road meeting with suppliers and clients as building relationships is an important part of the job. Quite often now, the clients will contact me directly as they know that I will be able to provide what they are looking for. I cover the whole of Kent for my company and that does involve having the skills to conduct business with different types of suppliers and clients.

Mr Sanghera: Have you received any training for your role?

Jonathan: I am currently getting training on how to test soil for asbestos, which would be really good to have because having that skill will mean that I will be able to provide accurate advice for the clients. When I first started my role I also received training on how to use the company's IT system, so that I could record the buying and selling transactions and complete credit checks on clients before any business contracts take place. We are also trained on product knowledge, so that we can advise customers on the best products that meet their needs.

Mr Sanghera: Are there any promotion prospects at your company?

Jonathan: You can go from my role to being a Team Leader and then to being a Director of a specific area within the company. Having worked with directors at the company, it is sometime that I am aspiring to do in the future.

Mr Sanghera: Has your education helped you to fulfil your role?

Jonathan: Yes, the Business subject knowledge gained during my education was useful in preparing me on how businesses are run.

Mr Sanghera: Is there anything else that you would like to add?

Jonathan: I am glad that my Welling School friends and I have all managed to be successful in different areas.

Mr Sanghera: Thank you Jonathan for informing us about your career and we wish you the best of luck for the future.