

GRADUATE PROFILE:



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GEOGRAPHY
COLLINGWOOD COLLEGE
GRADUATED: 2012

WHAT DO YOU DO NOW?

I currently work in the Civil Service at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. Over the past 18 months this has largely involved leading our business readiness activity for Brexit, and now leading our COVID-19 response. Prior to this, I worked as a housing policy adviser in the Prime Minister's Implementation Unit.

HOW DID DURHAM HELP TO PREPARE YOU?

I absolutely loved my time in Durham. College life was brilliant. I developed many great and ongoing friendships (including meeting my now-wife!) and got involved in lots of extra-curricular activity. The Geography department was also brilliant and I loved studying there. Durham provides a relatively gentle curve in to independence, teaching the skills and providing the opportunities to enter the world of work afterwards. The city itself is also inspiring at every turn.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE DURHAM MEMORY?

It's hard to pick just one. I'd have to choose 'Collingwood Day' in my final year - the best celebration of Durham and college life!