



Jake Bookham

Team BWS

Sport at School – Rugby and Basketball
Sport now – Running, Cycling, Football and Skiing

1. What made you decide to take A Level PE as part of your 6th form studies?

I took PE, biology and geology. During 6F I was good at geology so I wanted to pursue that at university. To get in you needed two other sciences.

Originally I wanted to be a physiotherapist prior to A levels. So naturally PE is a good place to pursue that. Even though I changed what I studied at university I was still happy about my choice as I enjoyed learning about the body and being able to understand it through sport.

2. Having finished Year 13, give us some idea of the pathway that you took in terms of further studies or career choices

My ambition was to get a job in business or finance but I knew with my degree it was quite hard. So I decided to go to abroad to do a masters in Petroleum Geoscience (was more science heavy and maths heavy- which looks good when applying to business or finance). I went to the University of Copenhagen to do my masters, where I ended up achieving the highest GPA you can.

So with a 2:1 in my bachelor and a very high GPA in my masters I applied to business and finance jobs in Copenhagen. I had interviews with Bain Consulting, PwC and two other danish consultancies. I was offered a consultant job at PwC in Copenhagen which is where I work now.

3. Where has this led you to at the present time and what are your plans for the future?

My current plans are to gain more knowledge and skills in business and finance through my current job at PwC and to continue living in Copenhagen. My ultimate goal is to become a partner at a consulting firm.

Although my education was very different to my job now I've realised many employers look for skills and experiences rather than a specific degree. I studied rocks for three years in England and oil and gas in a foreign country for another two years and now I advise businesses on their finances. It is the analysing and problem solving skills I got from my degree that transfer directly into my job. So if like me you find you did something that wasn't what you truly wanted to do, there is always way around getting to the goal you want.

Humility, Enjoyment, Respect, Resilience, Discipline