



# What are Overton Grange Students doing now?

(Also what did they say about  
their time here?)

Customer Success Manager at EGI (Estates  
Gazette Interactive FTSE 100 company)

*What are they doing now?*

Speech and Language Therapist.

Working for Crown Agents who are an  
international development organisation

Working for Legal and General Assurance  
Society as a Corporate Credit Controller

Working in China for the Beijing office of a  
London based Creative Agency (brand  
positioning, brand strategy, design), as an  
account manager

Prison Officer Specialist Search Dog Handler at  
HMP High Down

Plumber.

Developer



I know I saw a passion for the subject in many teachers, which definitely encourages students to be interested and curious

*What do they say about us?*

We had great teachers, fantastic equipment and a mutual respect and willing to make the school do well.

My time at school taught me obedience, discipline, independence, patience and responsibility, and I am sure this was why I was able to find employment so quickly given I was a school leaver.

Overton Grange 'had my back'! Overton Grange truly wanted what was best for me, even though I didn't know what was best for me at the time.

Overton gave me the foundations for life - both academically and practically. I gained the academic qualifications I needed for my future and learned the soft skills that are so essential for life in the "real world."



*What are they doing now?*

Product Specialist with Tesla the electric car company

Associate Partner at a design studio in London called Pentagram

Working at Children's Trust Tadworth

Circulation and Trade Marketing Manager at Time Magazine

Clinical Nurse Specialist

Contracts and Performance Officer within the Safer Sutton Partnership

Employee Relations Manager in the London head office for South West Trains



A well-rounded education that still serves me today! Specifically my interest in Politics and Economics stems from my classes in History

*What do they say about us?*

After having a difficult time at my previous school, Overton enabled me to build on my confidence and work on getting the best grades possible in a more supportive environment.

Apart from the academic side of things I have learnt so much from being at Overton. I have made friends for life. I have experienced the best support from teachers. We were so fortunate and so supported and really looked after.

Belonging to a community, great friends, taught by fantastic teachers, being proud of upholding school ethos

During my sixth form days I really didn't know I wanted to be a teacher but my form tutor made sure I looked at all the different opportunities out there.



*What are they doing now?*

Equity Analyst, now Enterprise Executive for  
Adobe

Executive Assistant for the CEO and CSO of  
a Data Analytic and Marketing company in  
London Waterloo called Black Swan.

Faculty Co-ordinator/SLT at Harris Academy

I work in the Finance and Pension Industry

General Editor at ESPN

Gladstone Morgan based in Dubai, as a Wealth  
Manager/financial advisor

Halfords Store Manager

Vet



Fantastic teachers encouraged the exam results needed to get into university of choice; made friends for life.

*What do they say about us?*

For me Overton was a great platform for what I do today. From the quality of teaching (I use business studies concepts daily in my job!) to the integrity and discipline instilled in you to set you up for the real world.

From 11-18 the school formed the blueprint of my academic, personal and social interests.

My time at Overton, I feel that both my friends and I all gained a sense of responsibility and the desire to progress our education from high school to Sixth form and then onto university.

On a personal note the teachers were very supportive to me through a very difficult time in mine and my brothers life so I am always grateful for what they did for me.



Head buyer for menswear and sports in  
Harrods and have a team of 6 and managing a  
£35m business

*What are they doing now?*

Head Landscape Project Manager

Head of Humanities at Hoe Valley School in  
Woking

Head of Programmes at Inside Government

Treatment co-ordinator at HMP Wormwood  
Scrubs

HR Advisor for Freemantle Media

I am a Bid Writer & Manager for Alexander  
Mann Solutions

I am a full-time children's author published by  
Penguin Random House and  
translated into several different languages  
around the world.





I believe that my high school years were the most influential in building my character and shaping me into the hard working, caring and conscientious person that I am today.

*What do they say about us?*

I didn't do particularly well at primary school because I didn't try very hard, however I feel Overton is where I learnt the true value of hard work.

I feel the teachers I had at Overton helped mould the man I am today.

I grew up with a very troubled childhood. From the bottom of my heart, I can honestly say I would not be where I am today having not had the experience I had at Overton Grange. I left the school with the aspirations to live the awesome life I get to live today.

I owe everything I have achieved to my time at Overton. Too much to sum up in an email



*What are they doing now?*

I am currently a barrister practicing in principally commercial and insolvency law at 5 Pump Court Chambers in London

I am currently working for IG group who are a financial derivatives trading firm and stockbroker

I am working on a limited edition collection with H&M, which launches October 2016

I have been working as a government statistician at the Office for National Statistics. I am currently Head of Index Numbers Methodology.

Metropolitan Police as a constable

I now work as a Business Development Account Manager for the Growth Team of Euromonitor International. In English, I work in International Sales, selling strategic market research to Multinational Corporations, primarily in Europe.



I spent my GCSE years in a Sutton Grammar school. Changing to a mixed gender environment for sixth form did me a world of good.

*What do they say about us?*

I think Overton encouraged me to work as hard as could in an atmosphere that wasn't intimidating, with the teachers actively pushing you to reach your potential.

I'd never really thought about this before but Overton Grange and the teachers there never questioned my career choice. A lot of my close friends were a lot more academic than I was and a lot more into the sciences and maths etc. so it was easy to feel stupid at times and as if acting was a cop out which - and I know I'm biased - it is not. At all. Yet all the through school I felt the teachers and just accepted and even encouraged my belief that I was going to be an actor. So far they've been right!

It taught me self-motivation which I carried through both of my degrees and to take responsibility for my own learning.



*What are they doing now?*

I now work for The Money Charity as an  
Education Officer

I now work in HR for an IT software company  
called Winshuttle

I work for a post production company in Soho.  
I work as a re-recording mixer for films, trailers  
and TV drama

I work for Island Records at Universal Music in  
A&R (Artist & Repertoire)

I work at Deloitte as a consultant specialising in  
HR transformation.

Insight Manger / Financial Technology  
Consultant for a Digital Agency in  
Farringdon/City/Canary Wharf for Barclays /  
HSBC / TSB

Insurance Broker for Political & Credit in Hong  
Kong

Carpenter/plumber



## *What do they say about us?*

Looking back I had great support from teachers who recognised my potential after struggling emotionally at primary school – despite continuing to struggle emotionally whilst at Overton Grange it was a school where I was able to thrive and overcome my difficulties as I matured and became more independent.

Looking back to school, I made life long friends which we still see each other very often even though we live different parts of the country! And I found confidence in who I was and discovered new gifts and ability that I'm not sure I would have found.

I feel it gave me an excellent base to build from in terms of my knowledge in the subject, to be able to go onto university. Also being successful in this discipline has given me a lot of confidence when it came to applying for jobs, much of what I learnt is relevant and can be applied in real life.



*What are they doing now?*

Intensive Care Unit Nurse

Key stage One co-ordinator as well as "Primary Expert Teacher" for Merton Borough

Last year I finished my MSc in digital anthropology at UCL, and I'm back working full-time for a strategy and research agency in London

Lawyer at Osborne Clarke LLP where I am now an associate in their insolvency & restructuring team

Management Consultant at EY

Managing own Educational Company

Marketing and Partner Relations Manager

Doctor



My time at OG was very positive, despite a few disciplinary mistakes and poor choices made but learned from. I would love to jump in a time machine and tell my 15 year old self how lucky I am to be there and not at other Sutton schools! School is conditioning for adult life, to focus on the studies as if they are your job whilst enjoying/contending those around you. I am content with my life now and confident in saying OG gave me crucial foundations and lessons to get here (even if I didn't realise it at the time!).

*What do they say about us?*

Overton encouraged me to work my hardest in order to achieve the grades they knew I could, which have ultimately opened doors for me which I had never even considered whilst at the school.

Overton Grange gave me the confidence to believe I was capable of doing well academically (something which I had never felt at primary school) and it also gave me the opportunity to get stuck in to a wide range of extra-curricular activities.



*What are they doing now?*

Now doing an MA at The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, but also teach as a private tutor for LAMDA, working with 4-16 year olds and work as a facilitator at the youth theatre

Running own Sound and Lighting Business

Personal Trainer

PGCE Teacher Training

Physician Associate

Police Officer

Policy Advisor at the Cabinet Office

Primary School Teacher

Professional Footballer/Director of Female Football Website





## *What do they say about us?*

Overton Grange taught me a lot of key skills to help me become a gentleman and a good professional.

Overton was such a well rounded experience and that doesn't just mean learning I think. I'm proud to have gone to a comprehensive school, especially in an area where there are/were so many Grammar Schools that were perceived as the better option. I dare to say that my all round experience was just as beneficial as somewhere more focussed solely on academic ability. In fact if I had gone to one of those schools would I have ended up doing what I'm doing now at all?

School helped me gain the grades I needed to move onto University. If I didn't have my grades and the support of the teachers then my life would have been completely different. My grounding in Social Work has enabled to have a varied and interesting career, and all of these experiences have in turn helped me to become a mum :) School shapes the person you are and I am glad to have been at Overton!



*What are they doing now?*

Project Management. Currently I work as a consultant, and am managing the project for the design and build of a new children's hospital in London.

Project manager at Alliance Healthcare

Qualified teacher and mathematics tutor

Quantity Surveyor for McLaren Construction Ltd

Radiotherapist. I am now working at the Royal Marsden Hospital after completing a four year BSc Degree

Research scientist at Rothamsted Research in Hertfordshire – I study DNA and evolution

Royal Marines having served 2 tours of Afghan

Run my own Gymnastic Company



*What are they doing now?*

Secondary School Languages teacher

Senior Audio Visual Technician at The Royal  
Society of Medicine

Senior Digital Account Manager for Graphic  
Alliance

Senior Recruitment Consultant TFS Healthcare

Social Worker/Now a mother

Teacher of Travel and Tourism, but now owner  
of Pawgeous Pooches, a dog walking company.

Technical Architect, Knight Frank LLP

Trainee Paramedic

Working in Finance Department for Anish  
Kapoor

