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**A LEVELS:** Economics, Chemistry and Biology  
**UNIVERSITY:**

Politics, Philosophy and Economics at Oxford University

**1. Tell us about yourself – where do you currently work, and how did you get into that?**

I'm currently Head of Fundraising for the World Sailing Trust, a new global charity focusing on access to sailing and marine sustainability. As it's a new charity, I'm responsible for setting up the charity's governance, policies and programming as well as its funding profile. I started my career in the civil service as a Fast Streamer, spending most of my time at the Department for Education in a number of roles. I then moved to Social Finance, where I developed and ran innovative social programmes tackling issues such as domestic abuse, health-related unemployment, and addiction.

**2. What are some of your proudest achievements since graduating?**

Two career highlights stand out for me: I opened two of the first Free Schools in my first year at the Department for Education, and then at Social Finance launched Drive, a new programme working with perpetrators of domestic abuse which is now being scaled around the country. Seeing plans become reality and most importantly having impact on people's lives is the reason anyone works in this sector.

**3. What advice would you give someone who is looking to follow a similar career path?**

The social sector is super exciting and is evolving all the time, with new roles, types of work and organisations always developing. This makes it hard to make a traditional career plan, so instead

I would suggest following what you're passionate about with a focus on looking for roles and organisations which are interesting and will help you grow.

**4. Did your time at Highgate help you? If so, how?**

Highgate showed me that school can be really fun, and that you can learn and work hard while having a great time. The friends I made at Highgate are still some my closest now. My teachers also pushed me just when I needed it most - sometimes some well-timed encouragement (or instruction!) makes all the difference.

**5. In three words, how would you describe Highgate?**

Exciting, Supportive, Friendly

**6. What's next?**

The social sector is evolving rapidly: issues previously left behind are being tackled and with new and creative solutions. Data is being used better and there is more collaboration between sectors and industries. We are also seeing more 'traditional' investment capital wake up to the need to consider environmental and social considerations (albeit slowly!), which will change the shape of funding and finance in both business and in social change.