

EHS Stories... Where are they now?



Anah Ahee

"I left EHS in 2014 after studying Maths, Chemistry and Spanish at A Level and went on to study a 4 year Master of Chemistry degree at the University of Warwick.

Although I enjoyed studying my degree, I decided I wanted to try something new and was encouraged to try Technology Consulting as there is a lot of variety. I chose technology as it underpins everything we do and it is an incredibly important part of the world today and the way businesses operate. After I graduated I took a year out before I joined the KPMG Technology Cyber graduate scheme in 2019 and currently work as a Cyber Security Analyst.

My job is a client facing one which involves advising clients on how to improve their information security and evaluate their cyber risk, strategies and defences. I have worked with various clients within the public sector and financial services. One of the most enjoyable parts of my job is that there is never a dull day due to the ever changing landscape and threat from cyberattacks.

My advice to EHS girls is not to be afraid if you don't know what you want to do when you leave school. There will always be many opportunities to find something that you like so don't be afraid to try lots of things until you find it!"

"After completing my A Levels in Business Studies, Graphic Design and Textiles, I left EHS in 2013. I went to study Interior Architecture and Interior Design at Nottingham Trent University, completing a 4 year sandwich course in 2017.

During my third year at university I had the opportunity to work at two different design studios. 'Fromental' design high end luxury wallpapers and Newman Gauge who specialise in hospitality interior design. Gaining experience gave me an insight into what to expect once I graduated and provided vital experience.

I graduated Nottingham Trent University with a 2:1 BA Hons degree and I moved to London where I secured a junior designer role at Design CLD, an interior design studio who design hospitality and retail spaces. After working there for a year I moved onto Quinine Design who specialise in telecommunications retail design.

In 2018 I started my own illustration business, Aziza illustrates. I design, produce and sell greetings cards, artwork and provide illustration services for a wide variety of clients. In the future I'd love to combine my loves of both interior design and grow @azizaillustrates."



Vanessa Bell

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"I left EHS in 2013 to study Ancient and Modern History at Oxford. I graduated in 2016 and moved to London for a job in music PR. In 2018 I moved back to Birmingham for a job at the BBC press office and I now work there creating digital videos and campaigns for everything from Peaky Blinders to BBC Three. I love my job – I get to be creative every day whilst also being part of some of the UK's biggest content."

Rachel Griffith

"I left EHS in 2004 and went to UCL to study English. After this I completed a law conversion and trained as a solicitor with Clifford Chase.

Law wasn't the right course for me so I changed and studied Medicine at Kings College London. I am currently a doctor in anaesthetics and intensive care, working in the fight against Covid-19.

My message is that it is never too late to change your mind about your career and life takes you in unexpected directions. Enjoy the journey!"



Dr Leyla Turkoglu

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Stephanie Tyson

"I left EHS in 2011 and went on to study Geography at Reading University. I loved every minute and was sad to see the end of fancy dress, long lie-ins and eating pasta twice a day!

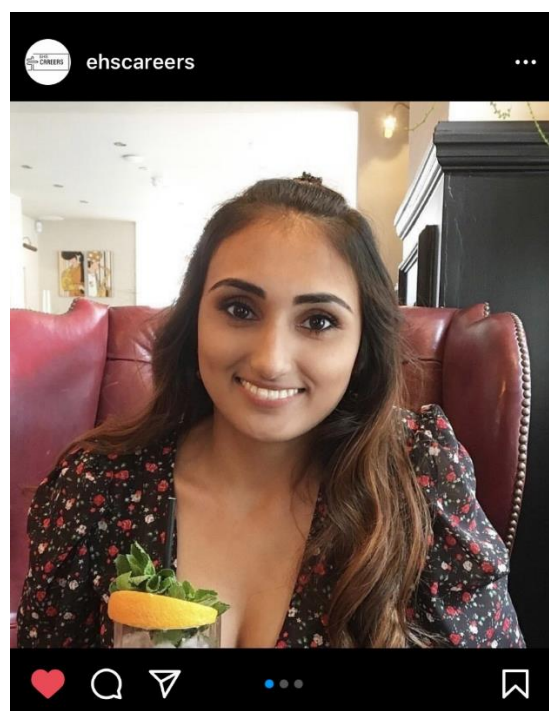
In 2014 I started on the graduate scheme at design and engineering firm Arup. They are an awesome company who designed the likes of Sydney Opera House, the Beijing Birds Nest and Birmingham Selfridges! I joined the sustainability team where I was advising on sustainable building practices and environmental protection.

After a couple of years I took a slight turn into project management and construction. I now live in Melbourne, Australia and am working with the Australian government to build 4,000 new homes for Aboriginal communities, family violence survivors and those living with mental illness. Learning about social housing has been so interesting and I feel privileged to be working on a project that will make such a difference to people's lives. Moving to the other side of the world comes with its challenges but if you're considering living abroad, do it now before it is too late!"

"I left EHS in 2012 to study Speech and Language Sciences at Newcastle University. After I finished my degree I moved to London to join the NHS as a Speech and Language Therapist. I worked with children aged 0-18 with a range of speech, language and communication difficulties such as those with language disorders, Autism Spectrum Disorder and stammers.

After a few years I moved to Kent to specialise in working with children with Profound and Complex Needs. My main role is to support children to be able to communicate in other ways when they can't use their speech. I also support children who have eating and drinking difficulties (Dysphagia). I work across a range of places including schools, clinics, homes and in hospital.

Every day and every patient is different which always makes it really interesting and challenging. I feel incredibly fortunate to be able to support families and help children find their voice."



Rosie Gheer