

# Business and Enterprise Alumni Profile



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**Left Childwall: 2020**

**Position: Graduate Apprenticeship  
with Scottish Power (Starting September 2022)**

## What has happened since leaving Childwall Sixth Form?

After sixth form, I took 21 months out of education, (March 2020 - December 2021) to help my parents start their own businesses and to cultivate skills which I felt I was lacking and wouldn't otherwise have developed, e.g., resource allocation and self-discipline. At the beginning of this year, I enrolled onto a travel and tourism course at the Liverpool John Lennon Airport, which I have recently just completed to secure a temporary at the Airport. This training programme allowed me to see and experience the full frontline and background operations at Liverpool John Lennon Airport that wouldn't normally be accessible to many individuals without security clearance. In addition to this, I got the chance to meet and discuss several topics with Mr. John Irving, the CEO of the airport and several other employers within the Airport. I am doing this temporarily, while I wait to start a Graduate Apprenticeship with Scottish Power this year in September.

## How did the Business Studies qualification help you progress towards your next steps?

The business studies qualification equipped me with essential tools that gave me the knowledge and confidence to start my own business online during lockdown, although the venture was unsuccessful, I became more driven to continue challenging myself and used, the skillset and proficiency I gained whilst studying for my business qualification. While studying business, as part of the qualification, we were required to start a business in school. This is where everything changed for me. Although the business operated for a few weeks, the joy I had while running the business was immeasurable and that project is what ensured me that I the entrepreneurial route I was hesitant to pursue, was the best decision I could make towards my future

Taking up business in Sixth Form was the best decision I made during my time at Childwall. I believe that school should be enjoyed, not endured and I genuinely enjoyed myself and discovered a lot of traits I did not know I had as an individual. The support from the teachers was amazing and I believe that no other school could have provided me with as much support as Childwall did, to expand, not only as a scholar but also as a person.

## What are your future career goals?

My career goal is to create and own a portfolio of global businesses which are founded on honesty and integrity as opposed to exploitation and corruption like some of today's successful businesses.

## If you could give your Year-10-self one piece of advice - what would it be?

If I could give my year 10 self some advice, I would tell myself to enjoy the moment and to not be anxious about the future. I realised I never got to enjoy most experiences inside and outside of school because my mind has always been focused on what is next, to the point that I forget to be in the present and enjoy what I have in front of me. While I am still focused on my destination/career goals, I have learnt to enjoy the journey and not just wait until I reach my destination or goals to be happy.