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Fighter Jet Engineer!

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My favourite memory from my time at St. Joseph's...	I remember it being full of fun and laughter as a kid. I have some fantastic memories from going swimming on the bus to playing lots of sport. One thing that always makes me smile is the thought of kicking the football and having to chase after it as the pitch was on a hill.
My message for the children at St. Joseph's now...	Make as much effort as you can to learn as much as you can. You just don't know what skills you will use later on in life, so it is so important to give them all your best shot. More importantly than that is to have fun whilst learning though.
What did I become?	I went on to OLHS and then university to study Engineering. I joined the Royal Air Force straight from University and I am now a Senior Engineering Officer working on the Typhoon fighter jet. During my last job I was the most senior engineer on a Squadron of super-modern spy planes and had 100 technicians working for me to make sure they were safe to fly and ready to do their missions all over the world. I am now based in Germany and the air force taught me to be fluent in all aspects of the German language - I never ever thought I would do that when I was at school so it just goes to show, you never know what skills you will use.

