Name: Alec Feegrade   **Age:** 36   **Year graduated from Ousedale:** 1999

What qualifications did you gain at Ousedale?

Maths	C	Design Technology	B
English Literature	C	Geography	D
English Language	D	Art	B
Science (Double)	E	Leisure and Tourism	Part award

Did you pursue any Further or Higher education? College/Apprenticeship/University/study while working?
Yes, I attended Ousedale School Sixth Form, Bedford College, University of Northampton and Uxbridge College

What was your career aspiration while you were at school, if your career path changed what your mind?
I did not know what I wanted to do for a career while I was at school. I think that is why I retrained and went back to College after Sixth Form to pursue what I enjoyed doing, which was Music.

What did you enjoy most about your school life at Ousedale?
I enjoyed all the social aspects of school life and the creative subjects like Art, Music and Design Technology.

Current job title and description of your role?
ICT Systems Administrator for Donald Insall Associates (Conservation Architects). My role involves all aspect of IT for the company and I have listed just a few.

· Building, configuring and up keeping of the Company's UK network

· Data Protection (Backup, Restore)

· Building and configuring Servers and Computers

· 3D Modelling

· Cyber security

· Telecommunications

· Cloud

What advice would you give our current students about the world of work?
I think always having a job, when in education helped me in later work life. It gets you used to working in a professional manner and dealing with customer (depending on your job) or clients and other professionals. What is important is finding something that you enjoy and that is worthwhile. I like my job and the company I work for as we are ensuring our important buildings in the UK are looked after and open to the public. Do not worry if you do not know what you want to do as a career and do not let others force you into a career path that you do not like or want to do.

How did you achieve this role?
I moved to London after University and working as a runner for a Visual Effects Company called MPC. As a runner, you do all the medial jobs, but it is a good way to learn all aspects of the company and find something that you would like to pursue within the VFX industry. After 6 months, I worked my way up into Data Wrangling – which is looking after all the data films and commercials generate (and that is a lot). With this job, it included converting digital film onto regular film for the Cinemas (when projectors were still used). I worked my way up learning skills as I went along to work for the newly developed Digital Data department. We worked with new technologies such as cameras for films and commercials. I managed to get credits on films like Sweeny Todd, Slumdog Millionaire, Book of Blood, The Other Man, Da Vinci Code and Eden Lake. After a few years, I decided to go travelling for 2 years and when I came back I re-trained in IT and with all my other IT experience I got my current job and have now been in this role for 5 years.