Name: Neal Williams **Age:** 40 years old **Year graduated from Ousedale:** 1998

What qualifications did you gain at Ousedale?

GCSEs/BTECs:	2 A*'s, 3 A's, 4 B's, 1 C and 2 D's	A-Levels:	Maths	D
			Chemistry	D
			Physics	D

Did you pursue any Further or Higher education? College/Apprenticeship/University/study while working
BSC hons Chemistry Nottingham Trent University 1998-2001.

What was your career aspiration while you were at school? If your career path changed what changed your mind?
Play professional rugby or become Engineer. I played professional rugby for Northampton Saints from 1996 -2001 whilst I was studying at school and university. But due to injury I wasn't given a contract. I then went on to play for Rugby Town in national division 1, but the club went bust and had no money to pay players so I left. I then went to work at David Lloyd Gym as pool manager. It was whilst working at David Lloyd I saw advert for the police and decided that would be interesting.

What did you enjoy most about your school life at Ousedale?
The friends I made; some of which are still close friends.

Current job title and description of your role?
Police Sergeant Metropolitan Police. I am a sergeant on the Territorial Support Group (TSG); the role is supervisor in charge of 7 PC's. We execute drugs warrants, police protests/ riots, police football matches and tackle gang crime through patrols.

What advice would you give our current students about the world of work?
Find a job that you enjoy, you will be far happier in the long run.

How did you achieve this role?
I joined the metropolitan police in 2004, I attended Hendon police training school for 18 weeks, followed by 2 years a probationer Constable learning the job in Islington borough in central London. I then took interest in proactive police (actively targeting criminals rather than investigating crime that has already taken place), I had a number of years in the crime squad and problem solving teams, learning how to police in plain clothes, plan and execute warrants. In 2009 I sat the Sergeant national exam (this is exam that every police sergeant has to pass, 150 question about the law in 3 hours). In 2009 I was successful in my application to be part of the Olympic torch security team. In 2012 I travelled round the whole of the UK protecting the Olympic flame.
Following the Olympic torch relay, I was asked to staff officer (Personal assistant) for the Borough commander of Barnet Borough, I took this role to get me better perspective to prepare me for becoming a sergeant.
In 2014 I was promoted to sergeant on Barnet Borough where I was posted to a safer neighbourhood team, working close with the community; I was then moved to run a proactive team in Barnet.
In 2017 I applied for the Territorial Support Group which is a specialist pan London command, Due to the fact there are only 50 sergeant roles in the TSG across the whole of the MPS (30000 officer). Due to this there is a very tough selection process which unfortunately I was unsuccessful. I went away and reapplied in 2018, have worked on the areas I failed at, this time I was successful. In February 2019, I joined TSG and finally have my dream job.