



Thomas's Clapham

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Class of 2011

I arrived at Thomas's in September of 2002, going into Reception. I'll always remember poor Miss Jones who had to listen to me hysterically crying every single morning for the first few months leaving my mum behind. I think this made my mum even more furious when the one day my dad decided to drop me off in the whole year, I didn't cry once! Despite these early wobbles, I had the most amazing time at Thomas's, being involved in everything they had to offer from ballet to choir to the hockey tour to South Africa (even if I was the sub of the B team) and I was deputy head girl in year 8 - a proud moment of mine even to this day.

After Year 8, I went onto King's Canterbury. I went there with two of my best friends from Thomas's: Cecily Guild and Ellie Paine and spent an amazing 5 years there with some of my most special memories. I was a music scholar at King's which I definitely attribute to my endless cello lessons at Thomas's and my five minutes of fame as the main part in the Year 8 play: Miss Sarah in Guy's and Dolls.

After that, I went on to study English Literature at the University of Edinburgh

where I got to study abroad for a year in Australia at Sydney Uni (a year that I constantly bore my friends talking about). Some of my proudest achievements in my twenties so far have been running the London Marathon in memory of my dad raising over £6,000 for the MS Society (Mrs V would be proud!), finishing and getting a 2:1 in my degree during a very unsettling covid lockdown, travelling the world and moving into my own flat in London with my best friends.

I feel very lucky and privileged to have had the best start in life by having such an amazing education, all of which started at Thomas's. This led me to my current career where I am an Insurance Broker in the city. Despite Insurance being a dinner party conversation killer, I absolutely love it and use my people and communication skills every day. It's a super challenging but social job and I'm excited to see where in the world it takes me. I don't think any of my teachers at Thomas's or beyond would have guessed I would have gone into a career in finance (especially my maths GCSE teacher) but it's a great skill to be adaptable and



it shows that you can pursue what you're passionate about and things fall into place.

I am so lucky to say that I still keep in touch with many of my Thomas's friends. Myself, Millie Williams Thomas and Lucy Wilson still live ten minutes away from each other and a group of our Year 8 girls still meet up and have dinner and drinks every few months. I have the most amazing memories at Thomas's from being in my "band" the "Trois Divas", to school trips to Paris and Barcelona and chatting for hours on the friendship bench in the playground and covering myself in blue paint / tinsel to get into the Becket House spirit. I feel very lucky to have gone to such a vibrant, passionate school which brings out the best in people.



Thank you Thomas's!