

# School Reunion Year Book

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# Welcome to our Sutton Grammar School Reunion and Yearbook.

My name is Rafez Noorullah, and I'm your host for today and also the individual behind the Noorullah Foundation.

I am an ex pupil of the school (82 - 89) just looking to create a lasting sporting legacy for pupils who show athletic promise but need a little more support.

The following ex-pupils attended the Reunion, virtually or in-person and have given me the support needed to get this off the ground.

Those who attended had a time to remember and I sincerely hope the rest of you enjoy, with happy memories, your time at the school, reliving the past through our collective stories..

**Rafez Noorullah (Raf)**  
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# Mahie Abey (Abs) 1982-89 - Blue House

A good laugh



### Short Bio:

Married with 2 grown up kids and 2 dogs. Live on the south downs and am a divorce lawyer

### Proudest Moment

Brighton getting promoted to the premier league

### What advice would you give your 11 year old self, if you could

Play a sport

### Top Life Tip:

Don't get divorced

### A fact few people know about you

I love horse racing

### Favourite School Memory and why

CCF camps were properly crazy. We did things on those that you would never be able to do now

### Favourite School Antic:

CCF camps were properly crazy. We did things on those that you would never be able to do now

### Most embarrassing moment and why

Being made Head Boy

### Did you represent the school for any event?

Unlikely

### Did you get a detention, why?

Can't remember

### What were your future plans on leaving school?

No Idea

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# Morten Billcliff (Mort)

## 1982-89 - Blue House 1/2

Fun, varied, inspiring, demanding, crazy



### Short Bio:

I left school wanting to form a band (the next Queen). I got excellent results at O-level but tanked at A-level, scraping into Leicester Uni to study Physics with Astrophysics. Got kicked out after yr 1 but continued at the Poly (which then became DeMontfort Uni) and scraped a 2:1 in Maths and Physics. Continued to pursue my music dreams and formed a band in London in the early 90's. We did very well and almost 'made it' but too many drugs and a lack of adults in the room caused a personal meltdown for me and I quit. Since moved to Denmark and hard work and hustled a good career with digital learning, the primary focus being supporting my wonderful family - Kirsten, who I met in 1996 and our 2 children, Clara (1999) and Nicholas (2001). I have a permanent hankering to break out of 'normal life' and live from various creative projects, so I bounce in and out of permanent employment when needs must and when I can 'escape' responsibly. Currently I've bounced 'out', and am consulting instead.

### Proudest Moment

Seeing my children leave the nest with their heads held high, and as really lovely, lively people.

### What advice would you give your 11 year old self, if you could

Relax, mate & don't worry so much about what others think. No-one else knows what the hell is going on, either!

### Favourite School Memory and why

Just too many. Epic and memorable trips with Cadets, loved sharing those times with amazing people, and being jointly held to account for all sorts of shenanigans.

### Favourite School Antic:

Not mine directly, but the French teacher getting a paper plane flown into her hair and then - utterly unable to deal with the situation - trying to ignore it and keep teaching anyway. Unforgettable and hilarious. Same teacher was victim of boys sneaking cutouts of sheep shagging and other imaginative stuff onto the overhead projector. No control, but then again any teacher with the slightest crack of weakness was exploited without mercy. Not all bad, though - the teachers with control and/or any inspiration or engagement were respected and successful in their teaching in my experience. Boys will be boys.

### Most embarrassing moment and why

When I was convinced by my fellow Navy cadets that Abey was on one of the toilets of a Navy Ship which we were travelling down the south coast on - and that I was 'elected' to open it from the outside with a coin! Inside was - of course - not Abey, but one of the 'real' crewmen (one of the cooks) with his trousers round his ankles having a crap. I froze, and then scarpereed, but was then told by everyone he was 'after me'. I was terrified for the next three days that my short life would soon end by the blade of a large end vengeful cooking knife!

### Did you represent the school for any event?

Nah, not good enough. Maybe the the football B-team?

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# Morten Billcliff (Mort)

## 1982-89 - Blue House 2/2

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### Claim to Fame?

Haha, almost ... and many attempts, but never quite. I was in Tomorrow Never Dies as an extra, does that count?

### Top Life Tip:

Be kind, be honest. Always.

### A fact few people know about you

I won't wake up until 2 pm if left undisturbed. Been like that for as long as I remember.

### Did you get a detention, why?

I complained about being taught how to cook scrambled eggs during a 'general studies' class. Booted from the cooking class, replaced with Latin with Mr Merton (on my own) for 4 weeks. Conjugations and sheer boredom eat your heart out.

### What were your future plans on leaving school?

I wanted to be a rock star

### Song/Music that reminds you of your school days

Wake me up before you go-go

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# Tom Bland (Blandy)

## 1982-89 - Red House

Happy days and great friends



### Short Bio:

Happily married with 4 sons (one of which also at Sutton Manor/Grammar). Still live in the area, in fact about 200 yards from my parents home - so not as travelled as many of my peers! Still love sports, played cricket for Sutton for nearly 30 years and try to get the odd game of squash or golf in. Proud to work for The Institute of Cancer Research for last 13 years, helping our incredible scientists in improving the outlook for cancer patients. Like listening to music and gardening to relax and switch off, but efforts in the latter are usually trampled on by boys playing football!

### Proudest Moment

The birth of my kids

### What advice would you give your 11 year old self, if you could

Do the same again!

### Claim to Fame?

Not sure I have one although have appeared on Children's TV programmes dressed as a giant baby, a busker, a football referee and a giant chicken....

### Top Life Tip:

Learn to be patient

### Favourite School Memory and why

Sports such as Old Sutts v School 1stXI cricket matches, great fun over two days with drinking games at the bar on first evening (and sore heads trying to play cricket the next day!) or the 3-a-side footy league.

### Favourite School Antic:

Bundles in the 6th form common room!

### Most embarrassing moment and why

Don't really remember embarrassing moments but recall getting the blame for making paper aeroplanes and throwing them at the teacher when my shoulder was broken and right arm was in a sling. I couldn't fold a paper plane if I tried with my left hand! Think it was Paul Glynn who did the deed....

### Did you represent the school for any event?

Football and Cricket

### What were your future plans on leaving school?

Artist or professional sportsman (still haven't given up the dream on the latter!)

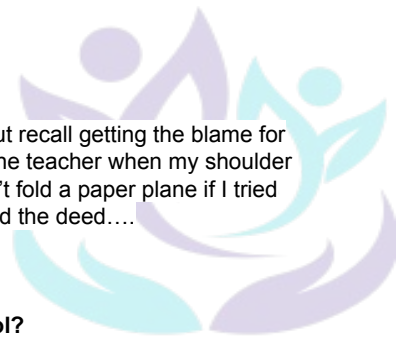
### Song/Music that reminds you of your school days

80s heavy metal

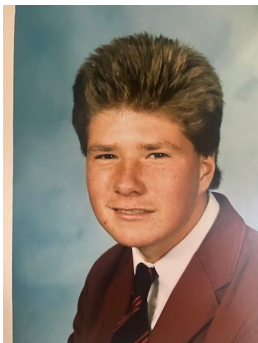
### A fact few people know about you

I'm descended from King Edward I

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# Ian Bosley (Ian, Boz)

## 1982-89 - Green House 1/2

challenging, funny, exciting, exhausted, hungover

### Short Bio:

After leaving school - left it to my mum to get me a job as id no idea what to do. She got me an interview for a trainee quantity surveyor which i had never heard of. So started work on £5,500 as a trainee QS and my first job was to help build the Croydon Water Palace (which the council demolished less than 10 years later) Had a break when i was 21 to play football in N Cyprus but decided that wasn't for me after the season ended - so came back to surveying. Got my degree at Nescot on day release and have stayed in Sutton & Cheam area throughout. Played for the old Sutts for a few years where we won the league and the old boys cup. Played in a very successful Sunday football team with a few of the boys for a few years (inc Varndell, Sewell, Tie, Catford, Brigden) Once that disbanded took up golf in my 20's and have got down to a 4 handicap - Over the past 20 years ive been lucky to play through work and socially plenty of the top 50 golf courses in GB & Europe and a few Worldwide. Been engaged twice, married & divorced once and currently living with my girlfriend Jackie. Have a beautiful 19 year old daughter Maddison who is studying at Winchester Uni.



Surveying career has evolved to becoming a director at Construction Ltd. Introduced to them by part owner and ex old Sutt Mike Curtis and have been with them for nearly 24 years now. Another ex Sutt Barry Nolan who a lot of the ex Cadets will remember either fondly or fearfully. He also worked for us for a while. Ive worked on some prestigious projects in central London both new build & refurbishments where our projects run from a few hundred thousand to £40m in construction cost. Member at Cuddington Golf Club along with other elder old Sutts - R Pamphlet, R Greaves, M Breedon, R Boniface plus ex HM Ironside

### Proudest Moment

Birth of my daughter

### What advice would you give your 11 year old self, if you could

Enjoy your teenage years - they go so fast

### Claim to Fame?

Played all the Scottish Open Golf Courses

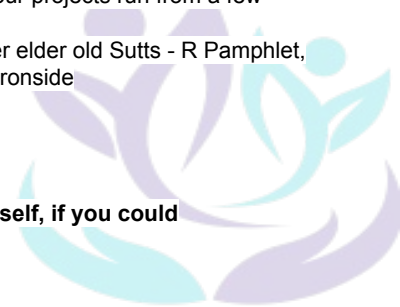
### Top Life Tip:

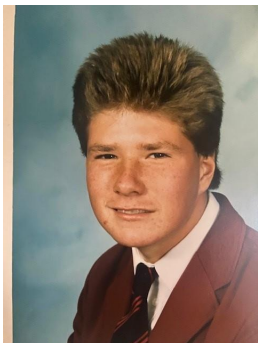
Take any opportunity that you are offered if you can afford to do them

### A fact few people know about you

My mum ran for England

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# Ian Bosley (Ian, Boz) 1982-89 - Green House 2/2

challenging, funny, exciting, exhausted, hungover



## **Favourite School Memory and why**

Playing footy lunchtime - winning with Jabba's Giants

## **Favourite School Antic:**

First year or two - Chasing and being chased through the old toilet block by the tuck shop and the horrendous sound of the doors smashing behind you - before they removed them.

## **Most embarrassing moment and why**

Breaking the high jump bar - Myself and William Rogers sneaked in the gym at lunch time to mess about and i snapped it attempting a 'Frosby flop' - we left it and ran out - didn't get caught though !

## **Did you represent the school for any event?**

Football

## **Did you get a detention, why?**

Yes - running down the corridors

## **What were your future plans on leaving school?**

RAF

## **Song/Music that reminds you of your school days**

Dire Straits - Money For Nothing

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# Dax Bruton (Dax, Littleman) 1982-89 - Red House

A Whole Lot of Fun



## Short Bio:

Left school. Went to Essex University. Got a 2:1 in Accounting and Financial Management. Met lots of great people. Did a year on a Kibbutz in Israel. Met a Danish girl - spent 7 years with her off and on. Got qualified ACA. Worked in London - enjoyed London nightlife. Decided I wanted to work abroad. Moved to the Turks and Caicos with PwC. Met my wife, became a PwC partner, had 3 daughters and 2 step daughters. Now managing partner at Grant Thornton - we left PwC network as too big brotherly.

## Proudest Moment

My family - birth of all my girls

## What advice would you give your 11 year old self, if you could

Be more confident but don't change your attitude to life or people. Oh and invest in Amazon, Apple and Google as soon as they hit the market 🤖

## Did you get a detention, why?

More than one. Fighting, talking in class

## Top Life Tip:

Don't plan too far ahead. Life's more fun acting on impulse!

## Favourite School Memory and why

Lots of them - mainly based around my friends. Abs, Frosty, Mileman, Cooper, Shaw and Hood.

## Favourite School Antic:

CCF camps were always fun. Weapons training in Portsmouth. Any summer camps - Sennybridge was excellent. Foam fights, playing cards, drinking 😊

## Did you represent the school for any event?

Cricket (Won Surrey Cup), Second XI football

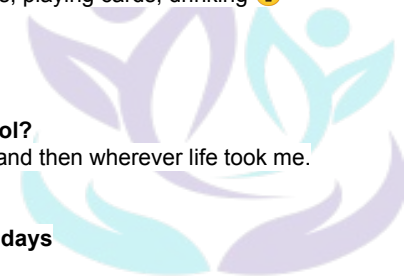
## What were your future plans on leaving school?

Didn't really think about future plans. University and then wherever life took me. Pretty sure I didn't want to work in an office. 🤖

## Song/Music that reminds you of your school days

Stand by me

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# Ben Cady

## 1982-89 - Green House



### Short Bio:

Went on to study Geography at Reading University. After a few years working in Pensions, went into teaching. Have taught Geography at several schools and now work at Wilson's School. Married with 3 boys aged 21, 19 and 17.

### Proudest Moment

Raising 3 kids

### What advice would you give your 11 year old self, if you could

Don't go into the tuck shop

### Claim to Fame?

Co wrote a song that Billy Bragg wanted to buy rights for. Turned him down.

### Top Life Tip:

Do what you enjoy doing for a living.

### Favourite School Memory and why

The tuck shop. Cramping 100 people into one small hut. Mayhem!

### Favourite School Antic:

Helping to cover the outside of the caravan we were staying in with shaving foam whilst on a 4th Year sailing trip to Poole Harbour!

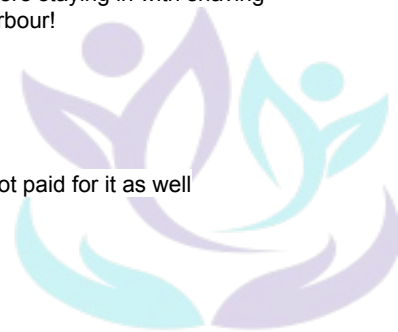
### Did you represent the school for any event?

Football

### A fact few people know about you

As a kid, I used to bell-ring at the local church. Got paid for it as well

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# Nick Frost (Frostie)

## 1982-89 - Blue House

Great fun, mates, times, memories



### Short Bio:

Spent most of school doing reasonably ok, really enjoyed the CCF, was keen on football but certainly not a good player. The banter and constant antics were by far the most enjoyable parts of being at school. The fond memories of so many antics and genuinely funny banter easily fills up an entire evening when I catch up with old school mates like Jim, Phil, Rick, Rob, Dax, Abey etc...Went onto Lancaster Uni, studied Accounting & Law and met my wife to be (Helen). Soon went into Accountancy qualifying in 1995. I've spent most of my career at KPMG where I am still- but plan on retiring soon. In the early days we lived in New York for a few years, getting married shortly after in 1999. We also spent 2 years living in Budapest and did a brief spell working in Finland. I've got 2 kids (Sam 21; at Durham doing PPE, Katie 19 doing Medicine at Manchester). I've travelled a lot with work- going to over 40 countries, and been lucky enough to visit a further 28 countries through the benefit of having a wife working for British Airways. Now living in Harpenden, Herts, am a keen skier and play more football now than I did at school (though still no ability!)

### Proudest Moment

Getting a U in English O'level first time round and still doing alright!!!!

### What advice would you give your 11 year old self, if you could

Take more risks.....

### Favourite School Memory and why

Dangling Rick Cooper out of an Army barrack window and putting 27 blankets on Hoodies bed on CCF camp...plus so so many memories of great times with Jim, Phil, Rick, Rob, Abey, Peps, Dax mainly at school and CCF....

### Claim to Fame?

Getting a U in English O'level first time round, then D, then B....third time lucky

### Top Life Tip:

You make your own luck

### Favourite School Antic:

Comedy and banter genius

### Most embarrassing moment and why

Too numerous to mention

### Did you represent the school for any event?

Dizzy heights of B team football and also Chess in the early years

### What were your future plans on leaving school?

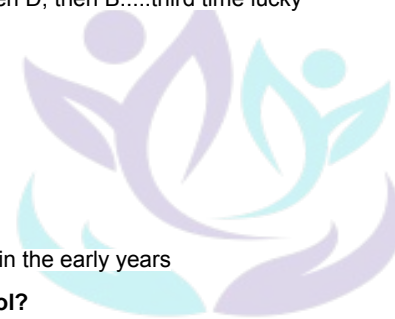
Didn't really know - something in finance

### Song/Music that reminds you of your school days

Rap, soul and also Stand By Me by Sam Cooke

### A fact few people know about you

I've got a lifetime ambition to do a degree in Comedy, (not so) closet Take That fan



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# Rob Hood

## 1982-89 - Blue House



### Short Bio:

Worked in Civil Service for a year, then got a job as a writer for an Aircraft Magazine. Quit to form a band in '97. When band failed I became a teacher in 2002. Taught Science in various schools. Went into business with my Dad - engineering. In 2015 became a mechanical design consultant.

### Favourite School Antic:

Sneaking into gym at lunch to play ping pong and swing on the ropes. One time, Dax swung too high and fell head first from about 20 feet and missed the crash mat. We thought he'd broken his neck. I've never laughed so much.

### Favourite School Memory and why

Cadet camp - Summer '86 - Five days cruising the English Channel in a fishery protection boat - cruising into Mevagissey on a sunny day, sunbathing on the deck. Tourists came out to watch. then Morten Billcliffe went in the WC for a crap, and his log got blasted out the back of the boat and floated along the quay. Everyone (cadets, tourists, little kids) was laughing when Morten came out the WC with a big grin - he was totally oblivious.

Also - Dax Bruton falling face first into a cow pat in Folkstone army camp.  
And Folkstone again - throwing Cooper out a billet window just before room inspection.

### Did you get a detention, why?

Inter-house cross country - got busted taking a short cut across golf course

### What were your future plans on leaving school?

Pilot

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# Darren James

## 1982-89 - Brown House 1/3

Friends, important lessons, rewarding experience



### Short Bio:

After school I studied Accountancy at Exeter and left with a 2.1 degree and a job offer with Touche Ross Chartered Accountants in London. Made some good friends, including my future wife. After uni inter-railed around Europe for three weeks with her and her brother, followed by a two-week trip to Vancouver where her family lived. Got engaged by telephone a few months later. Flew to Canada that Christmas to make it official and ask her father's permission.

Started my job as an auditor with Touche in London and joined the rat race. My now fiancé moved back to England and both of us qualified as Chartered Accountants a few years later getting married in Wallington in 1995. Played football and cricket (wicket keeper) at work.

Expressed a strong interest in computers at work and moved into IT audit where I spent the next two years before we decided to move to Vancouver in 1997. At this point I'd spent eight weeks visiting Vancouver - a city known for its rain - and grown to love the place. What's not to love about a city that had given me a white Christmas and had only rained 3 days in the time I'd spent there. Upon arriving in Vancouver to live permanently it proceeded to rain for 3 weeks solid!

Spent 2 years in Vancouver with Deloitte & Touche (same company as in England) and learned to code data analytics. Moved to Mississauga (near Toronto) in 2000 where I started to focus full-time on all things data - audit analytics, computer forensics, systems implementations etc. Played goalie for the company's football team for several years.

My wife and I were blessed with twins in 2005. Moved up the ranks at work making partner in 2007 just as the Financial Crisis happened. Moved into an international role in 2014 which involved a fair amount of international travel including to the US, Singapore, Japan, and Europe. Our software development teams were based in St. Albans and Cardiff, so it gave me the opportunity to pop home and see my folks every so often which was nice.

Started swimming and then running in 2017 joining my local Masters Swimming Club and local parkrun - both of which I helped run as a Board Member and Run Director. Completed a couple of short triathlons in 2018.

Left Deloitte in Summer 2020 and started consulting on my own. With my twins entering the big wide world next year, my wife and I are working on plans for the next phase of our lives - interested and excited to see what it holds in store for us.

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# Darren James

## 1982-89 - Brown House 2/3

Friends, important lessons, rewarding experience



### **Proudest Moment**

The birth of my twins

### **What advice would you give your 11 year old self, if you could**

Try to always be kind - you don't necessarily know what is going on in your school mates' lives and besides, in 40 years you might have to sit next to them again at a school reunion!

### **Claim to Fame?**

Gained notoriety by managing to bowl a 12 ball over and getting hit in the nuts while batting during a one week summer work experience stint at an accounting firm. I decided it would be best to work elsewhere.

### **Top Life Tip:**

As early as possible try to understand the important things in life - family, friends, shared experiences - and worry less about the things that seem important - work, money, possessions - but that aren't really. Figure out how to strike the right balance.

### **A fact few people know about you**

I have a keen interest in genealogy.

### **Favourite School Memory and why**

Playing tennis ball footie in the playground was always fun.

### **Most embarrassing moment and why**

Falling asleep in Mr. Murton's Latin class...it wouldn't have been so bad if there had been more than 10 students in the class! I still remember his words now - "Had a heavy night James?!"

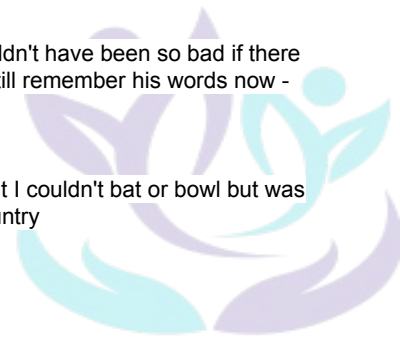
### **Did you represent the school for any event?**

Football (school and borough), cricket (turned out I couldn't bat or bowl but was pretty decent at keeping score), rugby, cross-country

### **Did you get a detention, why?**

Probably not - too much of a goody two shoes!

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# Darren James

## 1982-89 - Brown House 2/3

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### What were your future plans on leaving school?

Wasn't sure at all...studied Accountancy at University so kind of headed in that direction.

### Song/Music that reminds you of your school days

Dire Straits - Money for Nothing

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# Andrew Krant (Kranty, Krantski) 1982-89 - Brown House

Happy. Challenging. Entertaining. Fun. Growth

## Short Bio:

Left school with 3 A levels (2 B's and 1 C) much to everyone's surprise. Eyesight meant a career in the police was out. Grudgingly followed my fathers footsteps into insurance. Lasted 10 years. Went off travelling in 1999 and never came back. Became a qualified scuba instructor and taught diving in Thailand, Australia and Denmark after moving there in 2002. Two daughters aged 14 and 11 with ex-wife. Qualified as a bicycle mechanic in 2017 (same year I got divorced). Now own/run my own bike shop in a town 40km north of Copenhagen.

## Proudest Moment

Passing my scuba instructor exam

## What advice would you give your 11 year old self, if you could

Don't just use your BBC/Dragon/Spectrum computer for playing games - learn to program them they are the future.

## Claim to Fame?

Win a VHS player on the Big Breakfast and I can juggle if that counts?

## Top Life Tip:

Live it. You only have one shot.

## A fact few people know about you

I speak fluent Danish and have three tattoos.

## Favourite School Memory and why

CCF camps at Folkestone. Foam fights, card games, apple turnovers, long cold wet days doing manoeuvres, the NAAFI and great breakfasts.

## Favourite School Antic:

Bundles in the 6th form and blagging a school parking space.

## Most embarrassing moment and why

Getting caught cheating on a geography test

## Did you represent the school for any event?

Not that I can remember - school musicals if they count

## Did you get a detention, why?

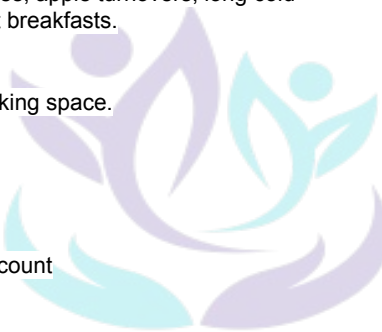
Yes. For cheating on the geography test above

## What were your future plans on leaving school?

Police force

## Song/Music that reminds you of your school days

Def Leppard, Alannah Myles, Queen, Bryan Adams, Dire Straits



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# Mark Lynch (Lynch, Liz)

## 1982-87 - Brown House 1/2

What a massive missed opportunity



### Short Bio:

After leaving the Manor I worked as an apprentice electrician till I could join the Police which I worked at for just under 4 yrs in the Met on attachment with 4 area crime squad and drug squad covering all over Lambeth. I then initially took a career break and ended up working as cabin crew at Virgin Atlantic for 26yrs eventually becoming a Performance and Development manager.

I started my own Gardening business after going back to college in 2014 for 3yrs to get my qualifications in Gardening and Design and at the start of the pandemic I took redundancy and have pushed my business on.

I lived in Sutton till 2012 apart from 2yrs In Glasgow and 3yrs secondment in Lagos Nigeria in the mid 2000's helping set up an airline.

These days I live on the edge of the Hertfordshire/North London border with my wife Julie (married for 8yrs), no kids (I mean the world doesn't need a junior Lynch running about!) but a couple of dogs!!

### Proudest Moment

Going back to college in 2014 to get my qualifications for my new business and winning student of the year for my level out of the 5 campuses

### Claim to Fame:

Whilst in the police I had afternoon tea with Joanna Lumley whilst reporting a burglary at her property and then in the same afternoon went to evict the KLF from their squat in Stockwell!!!

### What advice would you give your 11 year old self, if you could

Apply yourself and be prepared to learn at every juncture. Be it from your teachers, your classmates and your environment always keep learning.

### Did you get a detention, why?

I did more detentions than Nelson Mandela!!

Mr Bridges even had a special area reserved for me do detention under his supervision in his physics room to copy out endless pages of New Scientist for his endless entertainment!

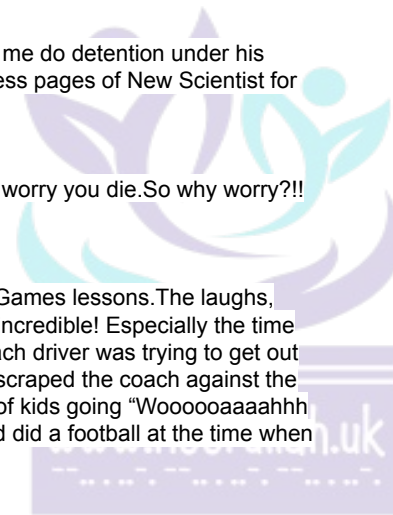
### Top Life Tip:

Never worry. If you worry you die and if you don't worry you die. So why worry?!!

### Favourite School Memory and why

Anytime on the coach up to Northey Avenue for Games lessons. The laughs, banter and general madness on that coach was incredible! Especially the time when the windows were steamed up and the coach driver was trying to get out of the gates at Northey and he misjudged it and scraped the coach against the brickwork! It was compounded by a coach load of kids going "Woooooaaahhh YOU'RE S\*\*\* Aaaaaaarrrrrr!!!" (Just like the crowd did a football at the time when a keeper was trying to take a goal kick!!!)

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# Mark Lynch (Lynch, Liz) 1982-87 - Brown House - 2/2

What a massive missed opportunity



## **Favourite School Antic:**

It would have to be when Mr Jeffries took the class out to St Nicholas church to sketch gravestones or some other old cobbles and whilst sitting on the path with Mark Hutchinson I clocked on that loads of shoppers were passing through from the car park to the high street. I told Hutch to sling his blazer down and we tossed all our loose change in it! Anyone who stopped and asked what we were collecting for was told by me "Yes it is a school collection for a new mini bus as we need a new one to distribute food parcels for this years harvest festival!!!!(when in fact it went to buying a couple of bun rounds down at the bakers on Manor Lane and a few packets of Panini stickers!!!) We were going great guns until Mr Jeffries appeared out of nowhere and screamed "LYNCH!!! You've bloody done it this time....Busking on school time!!!" The impromptu trip out of school was stopped, I was frog marched back to base and given the bollocking of all bollockings by Mr Disley!!!

## **Did you represent the school for any event?**

Football, Cricket, Athletics

## **A fact few people know about you**

In the late 2000's I did a fair bit of TV extra work and I appeared in Eastenders, The Bill, Spooks, The Vice and a lot more.

## **What were your future plans on leaving school?**

Join the Police ( Which I did!)

## **Song/Music that reminds you of your school days**

The Style Council - The Long Hot Summer

## **Most embarrassing moment and why**

I was voted by the sods in my form at the time to be the form charity rep(knowing full well that I had no interest and had no enthusiasm for any of it!!) I had to go to a meeting of all the assembled charity reps one lunchtime and I sat there totally switched off to what was being said until I heard Mr Disley say "And we will have David Bowie come to the school to give a talk to everyone at Assembly but details will be announced at assembly later in the week". I couldn't wait to tell Jamie Jenkins and Nick Ramsden about what I'd just found out and to say that they were sceptical was an understatement. I spent the next few days thinking if I could get copy of Bowies "Let's Dance" into assembly for the great man to sign.

Imagine my reaction when a few days later at assembly Mr Disley announcing that old boy of the school David Bellamy was coming in to give a talk????!!!

I can still hear Jamie Jenkins laugh and and him burst out "Lynch you absolute %@#£\* tit!!!!"

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# Paul Mackley (Mackers, Hugo Sanchez) 1982-89 - Green House 1/2

Eventful, sporting, enlightening, hilarious,  
eye-opening!



## Short Bio:

"Joined Home Office from Sixth Form and remained ever since. Currently operational manager at Heathrow, previously worked in Croydon and as a diplomat in Mumbai. Happily married since 2008, two stepsons (23 & 22), one son (12) and guardian to a daughter (22). Brentford FC season ticket holder and enjoy golf, quizzing and travel."

## Proudest Moment

The birth of my son - complete game changer.

## What advice would you give your 11 year old self, if you could

Don't copy Anthony Wright's Geography homework, copy Abey's instead.

## Claim to Fame?

Managing to win on Only Connect as a team captain! Won an episode of The Chase also with the same two teammates.

## Top Life Tip:

Always have something to look forward to (and be kind).

## A fact few people know about you

I met my Dad for the first time at the age of 47.

## Favourite School Memory and why

Not one in particular - just general friendships and lots of laughter, much of it inappropriate. Oh, the 'hotseat' in the Sixth Form common room, the 3-a-side footie competition and Mr Hyde pulling a banana out of his pocket as Mrs Campbell left the room (you had to be there) spring to mind.

## Favourite School Antic:

Flicking Anthony Robinson's ear just as German teacher Miss Hutchison 🤪 turned to face the class, witnessing him punching me in the arm (every single time)

## Most embarrassing moment and why

Scoring 5% in my mock English History A Level!

## Did you represent the school for any event?

Second XI football (in goal and outfield) and cricket

## Did you get a detention, why?

Yes, probably three or four in total. I'm sure I got at least two school detentions from Mr Blake for copying Anthony Wright's homework word for word!

## What were your future plans on leaving school?

No plans, just find a job, possibly sports journalism. No consideration of uni, still not sure what career I want!

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# Paul Mackley (Mackers, Hugo Sanchez) 1982-89 - Green House 2/2

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### **Song/Music that reminds you of your school days**

The Mackydee song during the 3-a-side footie competition. Also Mr Blake playing numerous theme tunes (Paddington and Rainbow) during morning assembly whilst winking at us!



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# Duncan McGregor (Dunc) 1982-89 - Red House 1/2

enjoyable and hard work



## Short Bio:

After leaving school I took a year out before university, where I worked at an Epsom based architects practice. In 1990 I then started studying for my degree in architecture at Kingston University before doing my post graduate diploma in architecture at Copenhagen and Greenwich Universities. On leaving university I worked at another Epsom based architect's practice where I qualified as a chartered architect. Also met my 'wife to be - Marcia' whilst working there! Ended up staying at that practice for 12 years, during which time we got married. In 2011 the practice went into liquidation, so I took the opportunity to set up my own company, which has been successfully going since. We have 2 gorgeous daughters, Daniella (10) and Alexia (7), that are growing up way too fast.....

## Proudest Moment

Definitely having my own McGregor clan!

## What advice would you give your 11 year old self, if you could

Don't wait until turning 40 before taking up squash 😊

## Claim to Fame?

Best Dad ever - so I'm told by my daughters

## Top Life Tip:

Savour every moment as life passes by too quickly.

## Did you represent the school for any event?

Chess and played Cricket once - obviously when they were desperate!

## Did you get a detention, why?

Not that I can remember 😊

## What were your future plans on leaving school?

Architect or Accountant! Mr Newman's career aptitude quiz we all did was no help whatsoever as I never got a result back.....

## Song/Music that reminds you of your school days

Legs' by ZZ Top and 'I think we're alone now' by Tiffany

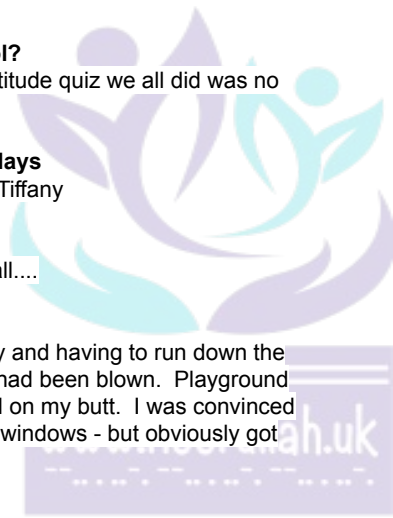
## Favourite School Memory and why

Playing football in the playground with a tennis ball....

## Most embarrassing moment and why

I remember being late into school one winters day and having to run down the playground to get to registration after the whistle had been blown. Playground was deserted but slipped on some ice and landed on my butt. I was convinced everyone would have seen me from the annexes windows - but obviously got away with it 😊

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# Duncan McGregor (Dunc) 1982-89 - Red House 2/2

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## A fact few people know about you

Apparently I have a bad temper - or so the Mrs says!! Won't be asking her for any more advice on filling in this form..... 🤔



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# James Mileman (Jim)

## 1982-89 - Blue House

Fun and lifetime friends



### Short Bio:

After leaving school, fell into accountancy and been doing it ever since. Lack of motivation and laziness meant I never completed my exams so never made it to the upper echelons but happy with my lot in life. Been married since 1999 with one daughter who's just gone off to university. Now living in Newark in the East Midlands and love the more rural way of life.

### Proudest Moment

Daughter getting into uni

### What advice would you give your 11 year old self, if you could

Work harder, aim higher

### Top Life Tip:

There really isn't a Nigerian Prince who wants to transfer money to you

### Favourite School Memory and why

CCF camps, they were such a laugh, we'd be arrested these days for some of the things we got away with back then.

### Favourite School Antic:

Skipping sports lessons at Northey to play pool in the back of the chip shop in the High Street. Pool counts as a sport right?

### Most embarrassing moment and why

Asking Mrs Campbell what orgasms we'd be using in biology instead of organisms

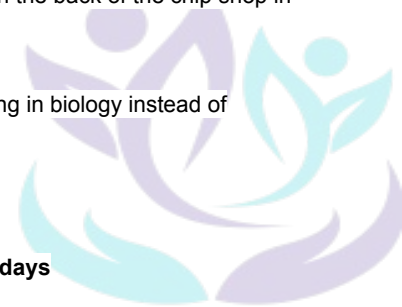
### Did you get a detention?

Yes, not doing homework

### Song/Music that reminds you of your school days

Stand by Me by Ben E. King

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# Greg Moore (Yogi Bear)

## 1982-89 - Red House

Started well. Tailed off poorly.



### Short Bio:

Surprisingly, got a 2:1 (Economics). Got into PR after leaving University. Started my first agency in 1998. Did loads of cool stuff with celebs and sustainability. Sold the business in 2001 to create bigger, better start up. Went to Dubai in 2006 to run operation there. Fell out with business partners & exited in 2008. Stayed in Dubai & started small consultancy - still running to this day. Met THE girl. Got married at 40. Two kids - one of each - by 42. Moved back to  in 2018 to be close to ageing parents (& to avoid kids being expat brats). Lost both parents. Mum in Sept 2022 (Dad died when I was abroad in 2014).

Now live in The Cotswolds, head of comms at cool London creative agency ([www.gtandi.co.uk](http://www.gtandi.co.uk)) - although get to work mostly from home - and working back in the sustainability space:-) and still 'manage' the Dubai business ([www.fsmuae.com](http://www.fsmuae.com)).

Nowhere near able to retire, but day to day life is good. Arsenal fan. Don't swim anymore really (must start again).

### What advice would you give your 11 year old self, if you could

Exams are not the be all and end all. Don't be afraid to give it a go. And if it doesn't feel right, then trust your judgement.,

### Favourite School Memory and why

Winning the Surrey and Kent schools swimming with Neil Eves, Adrian Donno and Baxter Catford (I think!)

### Most embarrassing moment and why

Becoming terrible at Maths and having to drop it after my mock A-levels.

### Did you represent the school for any event?

Swimming, Athletics, Rugby, Cricket, Football (early years)

### Did you get a detention, why?

Once. Mr Toon. He didn't like the way I was walking. Shouted at me to "lift your feet boy!". Apparently he didn't appreciate the subsequent. "Goose step".

### What were your future plans on leaving school?

Modelling!

### Claim to Fame?

Those who know, know...

### A fact few people know about you

I once got an A-lister out of a very awkward situation before the press found out.

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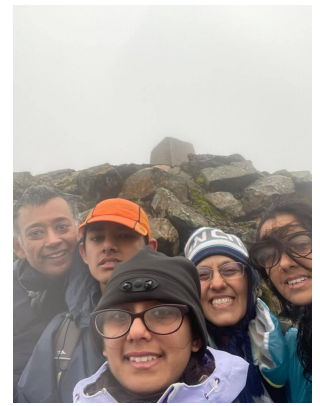
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# Rafez Noorullah (Little Noo, Nuz) 1982-89 - Brown House 1/4

Forever chasing balls or skirts



## Short Bio:

Living what I believe is the "Perfect Life". Incredibly happily married man with 3 kids, 2 at uni and 1 doing GCSEs, 3 cats a gecko and living across wonderful countryside split between Northamptonshire and Warwickshire. I describe our environment as "Me collecting the 4 finest other humans on this planet living wherever suits us best". My wife, Salma, is a little wonder woman and the 3 kids are the products of Superman (what she calls me) and Wonder Woman. Yup - you thought I was hard work, they are immense. Full blown adult relationships matrix across us, growing as they grow. Life just gets better by the day.

My school days can only be described as a personal ideology battle between myself and my dad with my mum trying to referee as best as she could. For me to live the life I wanted at school, I had to lean on you lot, teachers, friends, coaches, other parents because my dad felt "any and all sport was taking me away from Academic studies". Studies (and religion) were the only considerations.

On leaving school, I went to King's College Medical School, around 400m from my front door - whoopee. My dad was happy - he organised the biggest "My son at Top Med School Party" and announced it to the world.

I got to Med school and hated the monotony of rote learning - I was bored senseless. Dr Hope (my legendary 6th form Biology teacher's words ringing in

my head - "Medicine doesn't suit you" is what he said to me when he heard I got the King's offer. He was so correct.

After a term of utter boredom where I excelled in the thinking subjects such as Physiology and Med stats, I came bottom in nearly every other subject. Anatomy would literally kill me. Nuffield learning by experimentation was utterly useless here. My brain was not wired for Medicine.

I did find that sport was my solace so I would represent the Uni 1st and 2nd teams at football. Well enough and often enough that I became very good friends with our local friendly referee who also happened to be the Sub-dean of Medicine at King's. He could see I wasn't at lectures.

After a home match, he came up-to me, we both shared a pint and he asked me outright "Why aren't you in lectures?"

I told him that I'd discovered the computer labs at Med school and that he should come along and see what I was upto. He did, and was so impressed (he talked to a couple of the other medical techies around me) that he said; "Medicine Isn't for you. Shall I speak to your dad?", as they were both teaching staff at King's and knew each other. I said "Not a good idea". Certainly wasn't a good idea then - my dad hit the roof when he asked "What's this I hear about you wanting to drop Medicine and do what. Computing".

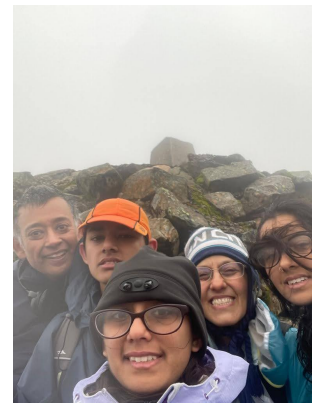
"Not Computing, Software Engineering", I replied. That drove him even more nuts and he said "If you do that, you can get out and I'll be done with you". Bang - Door couldn't have closed faster

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I nicked my poor little big sister's VW polo with my stuff, rang a friend and moved out that night. My dad forbid my mum from helping me and that was it - I was on my own.

Cut a very long story short, did incredibly well in Software Engineering got an internship at prestigious merchant bank JP Morgan, initially in IT. Two "Top Performing" Interns were then offered full-time jobs at JP Morgan in Corporate Finance; I was one of them. Loved my 2 years there - learnt a lot; both good and bad.

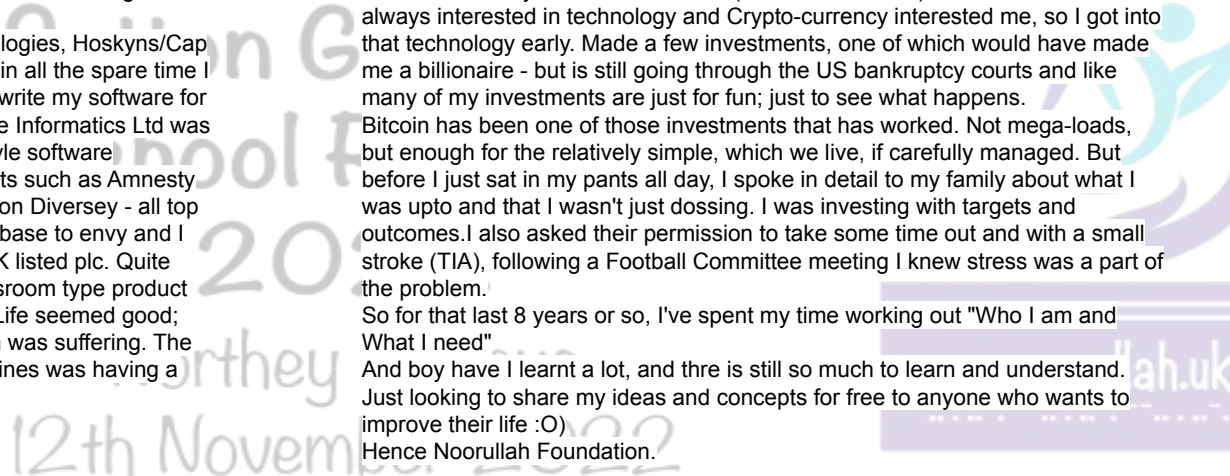
Worked my way through Uni at places like Olympic Technologies, Hoskyns/Cap Gemini, BP as well as running King's own Computer Shop in all the spare time I had. While I was at Ernst & Young I got the opportunity to write my software for them from home. A small Software Company called Gazelle Informatics Ltd was formed and I spent 15 years or so years running my "lifestyle software business" (wise words I'll talk about another day) with clients such as Amnesty International, Hilton Hotels, BT, HMRC, HSBC, BAT, Johnson Diversey - all top Blue Chip companies/Govt. By the age of 35 I had a client base to envy and I was also on many Internet start-ups boards as well as a UK listed plc. Quite ironically, I actually demoed my "omnischool" Google Classroom type product (quite a few years before them) to Dr Wrench at Olympia. Life seemed good; family life was good, financially very secure - but my health was suffering. The long weekends coding to meet immovable corporate deadlines was having a drastic effect on my health

So much so, that after a weekend ensuring the half million people of Warwickshire had access to their systems, I collapsed after a 72 "mega coding session". Sal panicked, rang my dad and I got advice from all angles. I knew I had to make changes. From that day, I said to my family - you know what - we're ok financially. I don't have to prove anything more, let's slow down. My kids were still busy with their activities, and Sal was very part-time, so I decided to slowly shut down Gazelle (lots to unwind still). In the meantime I was always interested in technology and Crypto-currency interested me, so I got into that technology early. Made a few investments, one of which would have made me a billionaire - but is still going through the US bankruptcy courts and like many of my investments are just for fun; just to see what happens. Bitcoin has been one of those investments that has worked. Not mega-loads, but enough for the relatively simple, which we live, if carefully managed. But before I just sat in my pants all day, I spoke in detail to my family about what I was upto and that I wasn't just dossing. I was investing with targets and outcomes. I also asked their permission to take some time out and with a small stroke (TIA), following a Football Committee meeting I knew stress was a part of the problem.

So for that last 8 years or so, I've spent my time working out "Who I am and What I need"

And boy have I learnt a lot, and there is still so much to learn and understand. Just looking to share my ideas and concepts for free to anyone who wants to improve their life :O)

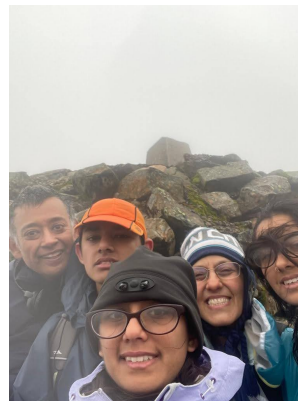
Hence Noorullah Foundation.





# Rafez Noorullah (Little Noo, Nuz) 1982-89 - Brown House 3/4

Forever chasing balls or skirts



## What advice would you give your 11 year old self, if you could

Don't change a thing. You are in for the time of your life - well done little man.

## Claim to Fame?

I own Lady Diana Spencer's Pool Table

## Top Life Tip:

I know how to reverse time on your body.

## A fact few people know about you

Sal and I used to go to Ibiza on Tall Paul's VIP Guest list

## Favourite School Memory and why

The indoor football cups we used to have with the ancillary betting and odds by Stanley Baxter. So much fun.

## Favourite School Antic:

Visiting Girl's schools at the end of term to see whether you could spray silly string on the girls, and chat with the said girls whilst you get the gunk out of their hair.

## Most embarrassing moment and why

Only very recently I was invited to the School Sports Day in July 2022. Hadn't fully appreciated what was about to happen.

At the end I was asked to come up and present the winners certificates to the boys with the school photographer taking shots for prosperity.

When I got to the front, Tony Blunt (current Head of PE with Steve Bang's recent semi-retirement) proceeded with what can only be described as the most embarrassing moment in my entire life. I didn't know where to put my head through embarrassment so much so that I crouched and stuck my hands in my face and looked like a tramp out of juice, right in front of the whole school, teachers and Headteacher, Ben Cloves. I think they realised I'm very excitable. Anyway, this is an attempt at what Tony Blunt kindly spoke:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, if you could pick up your school programmes and look to Year 7 and 400m, you'll see a school record by a Rafez Noorullah. This is that Rafez Noorullah".

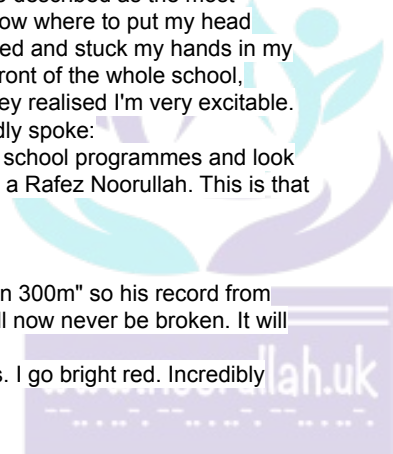
He pauses, the crowd applaud.

He then continues

"That age group no longer run 400m, they now run 300m" so his record from 1983, which has remained for almost 40 years will now never be broken. It will remain in the record books forever."

He pauses - the crowd gasps and then applauds. I go bright red. Incredibly kind words Tony, Thank you.

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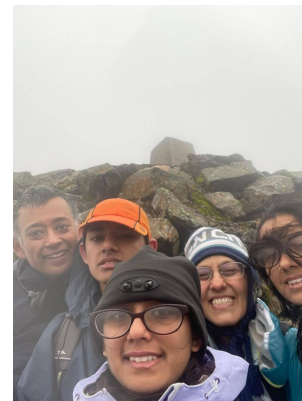


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# Rafez Noorullah (Little Noo, Nuz) 1982-89 - Brown House 4/4

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## Did you represent the school for any event?

School: Football, Athletics, Cross Country, Cricket, Rugby (once),  
District: Football, Athletics (400m),  
County: Football (selected once permission refused, sub/bench once but no full cap) Athletics (400m - selected to represent Surrey for nationals, permission refused)

## Did you get a detention, why?

Yes, around 5. 4 of them due to a boy called Martin McLeod-Brown. He taught me much naughtiness.

## What were your future plans on leaving school?

Doctor and a medical path was the obvious way ahead

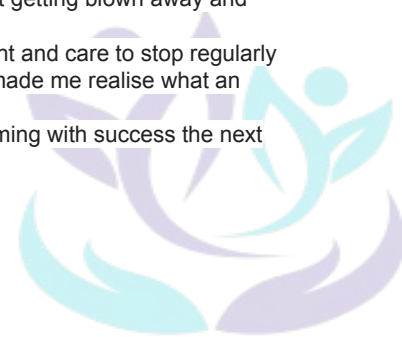
## Song/Music that reminds you of your school days

Jean Michel Jarre - English lessons - Mr Inness

## Proudest Moment

Reaching the summit of Ben Nevis with my whole family working as a unit together through a snow blizzard, downpour on the descent, Mayyah's boots breaking in half on the way down, Jannah almost getting blown away and having to hold my hand for much of the ascent.  
Watching Aden leading from the front with thought and care to stop regularly and witnessing Sal keep everyone's morale up made me realise what an amazing family I have.  
Getting home safely in one piece and us all beaming with success the next morning still makes me smile

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# Sailesh Persand (Pepsi, Pepz)

## 1982-89 - Red House

Best days of my life



### Short Bio:

After school went to King's London to do Physics. Had a wail of time especially with Raf there who was doing Medicine. Worked in Medical Physics, IT and now in engineering, still having one great life. Settled down eventually as wanted kids who I could play footie with (didn't happen). Now deal with antimatter and changing lead into gold or along those lines.

### Proudest Moment

Aside from wonderful family, this year enabling 1 million patients to be scanned for cancer treatment.

### What advice would you give your 11 year old self, if you could

Do accountancy or finance.

### Claim to Fame?

Shared an entertaining train home with Linzi Drew - all those that know will know her.

### Top Life Tip:

Stay focused.

### A fact few people know about you

Got a London Marathon medal.

### Favourite School Memory and why

Food fight in the 6th form - sheer madness

### Favourite School Antic:

Bundles

### Most embarrassing moment and why

Smashing up my year 2 D&T bridge as was not happy with it and the whole year got banned as the teacher thought it was someone else that did it, even though I tried to plead it was me!

### Did you represent the school for any event?

Football (1st 11 eventually), Rugby, Chess

### Did you get a detention, why?

Playing squash in the library when being a library prefect. Given by Mr Merton

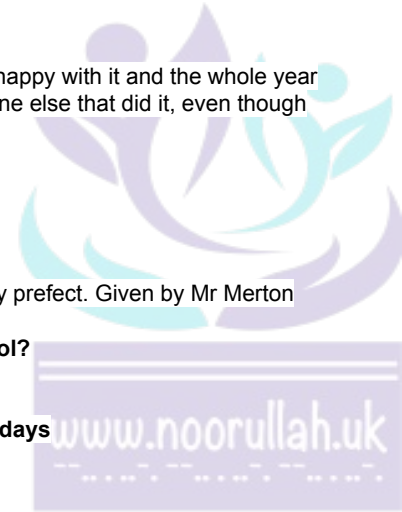
### What were your future plans on leaving school?

Dentist in the Royal Marines

### Song/Music that reminds you of your school days

Living on a Prayer

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# Jon Rose (Rosey)

## 1982-89 - Green House 1/2

started well then discovered girls



### Short Bio:

Flunked A'levels and went to Sunderland Poly, hated it, and became a betting shop manager for 2 years. Thought I'd better do something with my life and went back to uni in 1992 - did Business studies at Uni of Greenwich.

Left Sutton for Putney in 1993 and then moved to London Docklands in 1995 and stayed there until 2005, when moved out to Kent. Moved to Poole, Dorset in 2012.

Worked in corporate office equipment sales for 3 years after uni. After my Mum died when I was 27 (she was 55), it made me realise life is too short and so I scratched the entrepreneurial itch I had and setup my own business in 1998 - office equipment & stationery dealer.

Had 3 different businesses between 1998 and 2009, 2 successful and 1 less so.

Made enough money to setup a Kent-based property investment business in 2011, and now have that business and a lettings & estate agency in Kent, and a financial and estate planning business in Poole.

Met Lindsay at Uni of Greenwich and we had a fun-filled 18 years, with no wedding & no kids.

Then met Claire in 2013, settled down and we married in 2016 and have 2 daughters - Olivia (5) and Mollie (3).

I enjoy life, love being a Dad (have more patience now than I would have had in my 20's or 30's), work a little too hard, and can't believe how my waistline has expanded through the years (with Covid being particularly cruel for 10 kg's!!!)

### Proudest Moment

The birth of my 2 daughters, without doubt the best thing

### What advice would you give your 11 year old self, if you could

Don't be so hard on yourself for getting things wrong, don't take life too seriously .... and saver those younger years as you can't get them back

### Claim to Fame?

I was the youngest betting shop manager for Ladbrokes in 1990

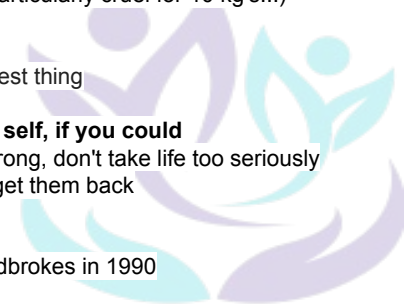
### Top Life Tip:

Don't spend your life totally focussed on getting to destinations, as often those destinations aren't all they're cracked up to be ..... and it was the journey that mattered

### A fact few people know about you

I hear voices ..... ;-)

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# Jon Rose (Rosey)

## 1982-89 - Green House 2/2

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### **Favourite School Memory and why**

I'm not sure my failing memory can distil it down to one - but I'll never forget the Old Headmaster, Mr Collins - the only teacher I know who could tell a class to stay silent and walk to the other end of the school ..... and no-one would say a word

### **Favourite School Antic:**

Has to be the camps with the cadets/CCF - the shenanigans that used to go on - I still can't stand the taste and smell of lager after having got so rat-arsed in my early teens!

### **Most embarrassing moment and why**

being punched on the nose by David Stapley for calling him a twat for making faces in the school photo when we were in the 6th form

### **Did you represent the school for any event?**

nope!

### **Did you get a detention, why?**

no detentions!

### **What were your future plans on leaving school?**

"I had planned to become an accountant or ""stockbroker"" (as I thought it was called, but was probably a city trader), after going to Loughborough to read economics, but discovering girls at Glenthorne High after a decent set of O'levels put pay to that and I was decidedly absent at times through the 6th form (especially upper 6th) - much to my regret.

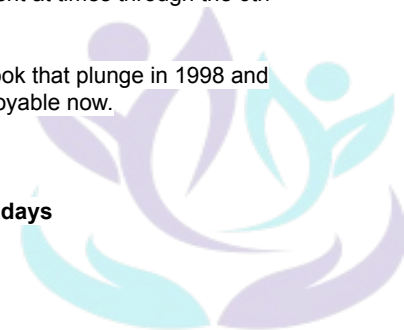
I'd always had an urge to work for myself, and took that plunge in 1998 and haven't worked for anyone since, so I'm unemployed now.

Still .... would have loved to be a trader!"

### **Song/Music that reminds you of your school days**

It's the end of the world as we know it - REM

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# Nick Thomas

## 1982-89 - Red House

Hard, Fun, Growing, Disciplined



### Short Bio:

Started in IT for British Airways, became Logistics Manager running projects/programmes for Nortel Networks. Now travel the world doing Consulting/Educating/Examining in Programme/Project/Risk Management.

### Proudest Moment

Two Sons!

### What advice would you give your 11 year old self, if you could

Do what YOU want to do and if that gets boring, do something else.

### Claim to Fame?

Sang on Songs of Praise

### Top Life Tip:

You only have one life, enjoy it!

### A fact few people know about you

I can clap one handed

### Favourite School Memory and why

The bundle into the tuck shop for a 10p packet of crisps!

### Favourite School Antic:

Food Fight in the 6th form common room. Going to Colin the caretaker and asking for the cleaning materials afterwards and him just shaking his head and pointing at the stuff to clean up the mess.

### Did you get a detention, why?

Forgot my homework in 1st year Mr Collins Maths class!

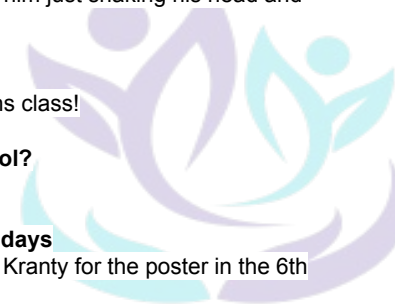
### What were your future plans on leaving school?

Join the RAF

### Song/Music that reminds you of your school days

Tiffany - So you think you're alone now. I blame Kranty for the poster in the 6th Form common room.

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# Stephen Tijou

## 1983-89 - Red House



### Short Bio:

After I left school I studied engineering at Cambridge University. I then joined British Rail as a railway engineer. I have been in the industry since then, working for Balfour Beatty, Railtrack, the High Speed 1 project, and Network Rail. Most of that time I lived in Colchester, Essex. In 2014 I moved to Sydney, Australia and have done similar roles since I have been here.

I met my wife Shivaun on a trip to Antarctica in 2000. We have 3 children, Natasha (16), Niamh (14) and Matthew (12).

### Proudest Moment

Becoming a Dad.

### What advice would you give your 11 year old self, if you could

Just do your best and don't worry about things.

### Claim to Fame?

I was a contestant on the BBC1 game show 'National Lottery - Winning Lines' in 2000. I won it, won a holiday to the USA and pressed the button to start the National Lottery draw.

### Top Life Tip:

Just be yourself and do your best.

### Did you represent the school for any event?

Chess... Occasionally football but was really just an extra for the B teams! Part of the team putting school magazine together.

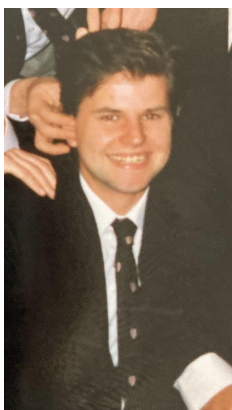
### What were your future plans on leaving school?

Some sort of career in electronic engineering

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# Paul Tye (Tysie)

## 1982-89 - Brown House 1/2

Lots of good people around



### Short Bio:

Left school and went into insurance at eagle star. Have been in insurance ever since in various guises mostly property underwriting. Married to Sam for 18 years and live in Stoneleigh. We married on the 23/12/04 and were due to fly to Maldives on Boxing Day for honeymoon (day the tsunami hit) and we ended up in St Lucia instead (thankfully). We have twin boys who are 16. I also have a 26 year old lad from previous relationship who is a university lecturer (law at York) and a magistrate.

Continued to play football post school for Sutton United and Corinthian casuals. Dogged by back problems triggered by a car crash when I was 21 and I had to retire from semi pro football at 26. Still played now and then for old stutonianians and then their vets teams but a prolapsed disc finally saw me off. I still enjoy running (as much as the back allows) and have in the last 3 years taken up golf which I love.

Member of Cheam sports club (great social on a Saturday afternoon) and Banstead Downs golf club. Was manager of my boys Stoneleigh football team for 8 years until last year ( like a second job that was). Enjoy watching them now.

Life not too complicated, enjoy a Guinness / cider here and there and a curry.

### Favourite School Memory and why

So many good memories. One is Running the tuck shop with Dave Canning. Used to give out lots of free food, eat lots of food for free and us on a few occasions buying beer and cigarettes at the cash and carry on the school card ! We made sure they were always the last items on the receipt which we would then cut off.

### Favourite School Antic:

Throwing a stink bomb into the assembly hall on the last day of term. As we walked down the corridor a teacher walked passed and said "ooh What's that smell" and we scarpereed.

### Most embarrassing moment and why

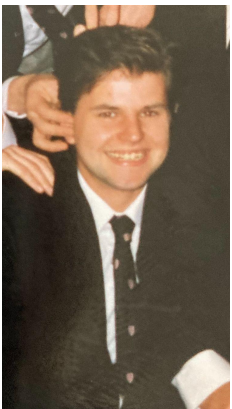
At cricket I turned up one day with new white trainers with a pink tinge on the heel. A cheap pair as my folks didn't have much money and couldn't afford brand names. Someone took the mick (possibly Matt Varndell) and then picked one up and turned it over to reveal that I had in fact bought a pair of "Lady Zeppers". Am sure I wore them for the rest of the season.

### Did you represent the school for any event?

Football and Cricket

### What were your future plans on leaving school?

Banking or a Fireman



# Paul Tye (Tysie)

## 1982-89 - Brown House 2/2

Lots of good people around



### A fact few people know about you

My mum was once "miss Ford Capri" in the 60s. There are pictures of her with a sash draped over a capri. I can't look at them though!

### Did you get a detention, why?

Only class detentions for messing around. Threatened with suspension once by Mr Green (who stood on my toes while telling me off) for smoking in Manor Park with Stephen Morris.

### What advice would you give your 11 year old self, if you could?

Enjoy life and don't worry so much!

### Claim to Fame?

Played for England schoolboys u18. Alongside David Weatherall (scored late goal for Bradford that kept them up and saw Rodney Marsh shave his head) and Matt Jackson who captained Everton in a cup final (I watched it from the Bell pub in Cheam - how our paths changed). We also played against England FA team which included some names. We beat them 2-1.

### Top Life Tip:

Enjoy the moment.

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# Howard Urmenyi (Urm)

## 1982-89 - Blue House 1/2

A Whole Lot of Fun



### Short Bio:

Studied Engineering at Pembroke college Cambridge, been a software developer working since. Started working at ""Madge Networks"" on GUI apps for Windows, SunOS & AIX (networking management) in High Wycombe/Amersham area, then for a games company Qube Software in Finchley where I worked LEGO games and apps, now for a big infrastructure management company Causeway (.Net ""backend"" coding).

Been living in Amersham area for 30 years now! Met wife-to-be Nicola in Aylesbury doing photography classes city & guilds. 2 children Alice (16) & Jack (12)

Got into recreational cycling during the pandemic, is nice. I like

### Proudest Moment

Tutoring both my kids for 11+ myself. (I'm not really behind grammar schools and 11+ TBH, but that's what they have here in Bucks)

### Song/Music that reminds you of your school days

Def Leppard, Madness

### Favourite School Memory and why?

Well, I remember when David Stapley tried to tell Miss Vasseur that ""4 skins"" were climbing over the fence outside. Plus i remember Greg Moore removing a paper dart from the hair of a French supply teacher (i think, coulda been English) that she didn't know had stuck there. Whole class holding its breath. Also Mr. Vijay's before-class ritual ""Stand in line. Ramsden! Ramsden!"" I liked lunchtime best tho, out in Sutton eating chips and playing arcade games. Also 6th form banter was good, in 6th form centre and A-level classes generally

### Most embarrassing moment and why?

I remember an announcement in assembly asking kids to stop putting ring-pulls into the parking meters at back of school... that was me.

### Claim to Fame

Worked on the first official digital CAD app for kids produced by LEGO, "LEGO Digital Designer" or LDD for short.

### A fact few people know about you

"My great great grandfather (father's mother's father's father) was prime-minister of Holland (Abraham Kuyper)

### What were your future plans on leaving school?

Engineering

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# Howard Urmenyi (Urm) 1982-89 - Blue House 2/2

A Whole Lot of Fun



**What advice would you give your 11 year old self, if you could**

Buy shares in Apple. Not "apples", I mean the computer company. Also, chill out a bit.

**Favourite School Antic**

I didn't do a lot of antics myself, favourite witnessed antic was probably the paper dart in the hair as mentioned above

**Did you get a detention, why?**

Don't think so. Maybe a class one.

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# Steve Wade

## 1982-89 - Green House 1/2

Could have been (much) worse!



### Short Bio:

I spent a few years trading on the Foreign Exchange markets straight after school which, though fun, wasn't for me. Went up to the University Of Leeds to study English and Philosophy and then stayed on to do an MA in Philosophy. Spent most of the nineties up there before moving back to London around the millennium. Joined the Lord Chancellor's Department, now the Ministry of Justice, in 2002 and have been a civil servant ever since. (Possibly not a surprise to those of you who can remember memorising the scripts to 'Yes Minister' with me back in the day!) Did a mix of Whitehall policy-type roles as well as a big stint on the executive board of the Office of the Public Guardian. Currently Chief Executive of the Office of the Sentencing Council, which involves working mostly to judges rather than ministers (a nice change!). I have a great team (and great Council members) and I have to say I do really love the job.

I've been settled in Brixton for 15+ years now (very different now to when I came here clubbing to the Fridge in the late 80s!). I've been with my wife Julia for about a decade and we have one very energetic 7 yr old son Alfred who, thus far, seems to be a bit of a chip off the old block. Hobby-wise I tend to run a lot, cycle slightly less, and very, very rarely these days play a bit tennis and badminton. I also try and take advantage of being so close to the London theatre scene and see as much as possible (pre-child / pre-covid would try and go 2 or 3 times a month).

### What were your future plans on leaving school?

No real plans

### Song/Music that reminds you of your school days

Probably anything by Depeche Mode and / or Queen

### Proudest Moment

Has to be the birth of my son but seeing him grow and develop into a proper little man means each day there's something more to be proud of!

### What advice would you give your 11 year old self, if you could

Don't coast - push yourself!

### Top Life Tip:

Everything takes effort - even the apparently easy stuff - but it's worth putting the effort in.

### A fact few people know about you

My family were on the side of Cromwell in the Civil War!

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# Steve Wade

## 1982-89 - Green House 2/2

Could have been (much) worse!



### **Favourite School Memory and why**

Eating chips and playing video games at lunchtime in the chippy down the bottom of the High Street. Also the (probably totally unofficial!) 5th form Eng.Lit trip to see Julius Caesar at the Young (or possibly old?) Vic. ('He's still breathing' one of us whispered loudly of Caesar after he'd just been stabbed a dozen times.). Contributed to my life long love for the theatre did that trip (along with trips with my Dad to see regional G&S productions).

### **Favourite School Antic:**

For some reason betting on the horses on derby day when one of the lads used to run a book sprigs to mind.

### **Most embarrassing moment and why**

Can't really think of one! There must have been one though!

### **Did you represent the school for any event?**

Chess (poorly!)

### **Did you get a detention, why?**

I must have done as I remember sitting in that room once or twice but for the life of me I can't remember why!

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