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My time at Worthing College was truly special! I came to college after not doing well in my GCSEs and joined the Level 2 Sport BTEC course. I then progressed onto the Level 3 Sport Performance course for a further two years while playing in the Rugby Academy, which was my favourite part of my experience at college and it's where I developed crucial skills that have stuck with me.

When I first started at the college I wanted to develop as a rugby player and I had not really given life beyond college any thought. Luckily, I had excellent teachers who showed me various paths that I could look to explore after leaving college.

Throughout my college years I had a passion for promoting nightlife events across Brighton. My friend Seb (who was also a student at Worthing College) and I, set up 'Worthing Freshers' 2012 at the Assembly Hall in Worthing. Utilising our friends around college and beyond, the event gained county wide attention and we had around 1,000 attendees come to the event!

After this I regularly thought of new money making ideas and recall building basic business models in my head to help me visualise whether the ideas were viable or not. This helped me realise that sport was not the path I wanted to take but a more business related subject.

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One of the biggest highlights of my time at college was receiving an offer from the University of Winchester to study Event Management. The grades they required at the time seemed out of reach and this made me slightly nervous. I took these worries to my tutor and together we put a plan in place of criteria I had to work hard and achieve to turn this offer into a reality.

My time at Worthing College flew by but I made unforgettable memories! Thanks to the standards, guidance, skills and self belief that I gained as a student of Worthing College, I went on to graduate with honours in October of 2016.

I am now a Director in two businesses; one specialising in 360-degree interactive experiences of various venues and the other specialising in social media marketing and web development. I work full time in these roles and thoroughly enjoy them. I am also incredibly proud to be in a position to give something back through my businesses by sponsoring the rugby academy at Worthing College for the 2018/19 season.

To any young person reading this who is thinking about whether to go to Worthing College, I can promise you, from experience, that if you fully invest your effort and time into your studies you will gain so much knowledge which will be the greatest investment in your future.

