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In which year did you leave Dallington and from which year group?

I left twice! Once in about 1982 from year 3 I think and then again in 1985 from year 6 having joined at the end of year 5 after a couple of years where we moved to Bath.

How long were you at Dallington and what did you do next?

I think I first started in Jan 1980 but I'm not 100% sure so about three years in total split over two periods. I went from Dallington to City of London school along with a group from Dallington (Brendan Barnes, Matthew Goodsall, Thomas Coghill, Dan Solley). In 1992 I left CLS and went to Cambridge University to do a degree in Neurophysiology and Psychology graduating in 95. Since then I worked at PricewaterhouseCoopers for three years and then went to Lehman Brothers until it blew up in 2008, then onto Nomura until 2013. Since then I have been working for a tech start up in London called Realeyes. I also run my own business operating three bars in London.

What is your current role or school placement?

CFO of Realeyes,

Director of BloodandSand Ltd

In what way did your time at Dallington influence your education and career progression?

I went to 5 different primary schools yet Dallington is the one I think of as my real primary school. Looking back the fact that we worked together as a broad age group was a big factor. Also that we worked at our own pace and were given responsibility for our own progress – or at least that is how it felt. It was a bit of a culture shock going to CLS but having both experiences was definitely a good thing.

What is your fondest memory of Dallington?

The friends I made. Brendan, Matthew and Tom are still amongst my closest friends 35 years on along with Alistair Flett who was best man at my wedding (and me his).

What is your message to current Dallington pupils?

Dream and don't grow up.

What is your proudest achievement?

The positive impact I think I have on those around me.

