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TTS STUDENT: 2004-2011

Current role: Experiential Learning Assistant, Bader International Study Centre

Career pathway:

I completed a degree in English and German at the University of Sheffield, graduating with first class honours and distinction in spoken German. I spent the third year of my degree teaching English in schools in Germany. Additionally, I have travelled a little, and been involved in various other activities including presenting a radio show, writing for online blogs and magazines and promoting the teach abroad programme for the British Council.

Advice for students:

I would recommend that everyone persevere with learning a foreign language. Lots of people wonder where their hard work is going when learning a language at school, without having the chance to speak it outside the classroom. But there are few other skills which can create such a huge range of possibilities, both career-wise and personally. So keep studying French, German and Spanish at Thomas Telford!

Plans for the future:

I am still quite open-minded - I'd like to return to Germany for a while, maybe to do a masters. I have always been interested in writing, and a career which will combine the language with writing would be ideal.

Best memory of your time at Thomas Telford?

Beating the teachers on penalties in a charity match after a thrilling 4-4 draw with our beloved C Team during my second year of 6th Form. Priceless!

