

Adam (Age: 29)



Went to Braidwood –
Sept 2002 - July 2007

Your Job:
Business Development Manager

1) What do you remember about Braidwood School?

What memories do you have?

I have so many memories in the school, I know when I was young, I was very clown and silly young boy, always giggles. I always remember one poster in the English class, one Quote said, 'Never stop asking why?' – that where I learn every day and always ask myself why I chose that path, Why I do that Etc. That where help me to develop myself and help me to decide.

Keith Barlow said, 'When teacher explain to you anything and try always remember what they said and that will be benefit for you in the future.'

He said that to me, I believe that he is correct, so I am tell you all to listen your teacher and be open and honest with them.

What did you learn?

I love to learn anything new thing every day, and I am very motivation into exercise movement, creative something. Math, Science and English is very important part of my life.

What did you like?

PE Class, Science, ICT, Math test challenge, Citizenship, DT woodwork and Cooking

What did you not like?

History, Geography, English, RE and Art

Did you work hard?

Sometimes I work hard when their motivation to me. Sometimes I did not work hard, and I was silly and clown in the class, but when I left school and realized I should have learned more and focus which help me in my future. For Example -

I never forget at Year 11 two teacher class said to me I will fail in my exam- and expect me to get grade E in Math and grade F in Science. I was felt hurt that teacher said to me and decide to withdraw my exam course. But thank you to those teacher and teacher assistant to encourage and push me to prove them wrong and I

have completed my exam and I was Grade C in Math. When I could have into Higher Level exam which that result could be Grade B. When teacher thought I would have grade E. Same with Science I had Grade D. So, I realized it is very important to work hard and honest rapport with your teacher. Keep tell your teacher truth if you do not understand fully and allow teacher to explain you more clearly and confident that you understand fully, that where help you to achieve better grade.

When I was young, I always say yes, I understand when I really do not understand fully which that is affect me later. So please be honest and open to allow you learn more, development and achieve.

2) Did you always want to be a Business Development Manager?

No, I never thought I will do that role.

Have you had any other jobs?

Yes, I work for BID services work with Birmingham City Council- COVID-19 Wellbeing Campaign Officer, I will finish work BID by end of March 2021.

Other my Volunteer Time.

General Secretary of Birmingham Deaf Football Club

Chairperson of Birmingham Thunder Deaf Basketball

I am processed to set up Midland Deaf Sport Association

Applied, interview for UK DEAF SPORT Boards of Trustee.

Work on now to set up wide range of Sport and Community in Birmingham, Process to bring all together and become unity and start find a venue.

Did you plan to be a Business Development Manager?

No, my aim is become Sport Coaching, Set up my own Sport Centre for Deaf people.

How did you get into Business Development Manager?

I was work in BID Services Apprenticeship role as Sport youth officer and that where open my eyes and realize there a lot of different roles in sport project when I was thought its only sport coaching role. So, I was start study Team Leader for Sport role, and then Manager Management for Sport and then I start to help Deaf people who want to find into job and move to Team Leader for Employment Service which give me benefit to learn different area, how to manage wide range different project and Learn how to engagement with other company, business, charity and many more. Also, I am become more knowledge into Access to Work, Interpreter process for Deaf people, So I have help Deaf people into Work and make sure they have same accessible as hearing people. So, I have start interesting to learn more about Business Development Manager, So I was applied to Sign Solutions company that company provide British Sign Language Interpreter for Deaf people in UK. My journey is not over yet, I am still interesting into Sport, one day I will come back into Sport Dream. I am still happy where I am stand now, I have my volunteer time to gain more experience.

3) What did you do when you left Braidwood School?

Did you go to college?

Yes, I went to Josiah Mason College then Sutton Coldfield College then Solihull College.

What course did you do?

Sport exercise and fitness Level 1

Sport Coaching and Performance Level 2

National Sports BTEC Level 3 Diploma (Performance and Excellence) Double Grade Distinction

What did you do when you left college?

Search for Sport job, and search for more involve into volunteer to help me to gain my skills and experience.

4) What is the best thing about being a Business Development Manager?

More benefit for me to understand how to development our business, understand how to manage and rapport to our staffs, encourage our staff to achieve our projects goals. I am natural Leader and I felt that is very important to share and listen to each other.

5) What is the worst thing about being a Business Development Manager?

My goal is become sport coach, but that has opened my eyes and thought I could have set up own Sport Centre for the Deaf. So, I must accept where I am now, my journey is not over yet and I know that role might not what I want but I find that role which that is benefit to me to learn new things everyday and Benefit for me to come back my goal to set up my own Sport Centre for the Deaf.

6) What advice would you give a pupil at Braidwood School about life and work?

My simple 7 rules

- 1) FACT, when you leave school, you will become Independent! Its your responsible for seeking advice or help.
- 2) It is very important to know what is right and what is wrong, life path you choose to make move is a very important decision!
- 3) Nobody know who you are, so you can be anything, it is never too late.
- 4) Anyone says no or you cannot, it does not mean anything to you! Just carry on and focus your goal and achieve your goal!
- 5) Don't be afraid to fail or make mistakes! if you fail or make mistakes, that is where you will learn and improve next time.
- 6) Just be yourself and enjoy your life, set up your dream goals!
- 7) Don't waste time at school. Work hard and do your best. You will learn lots of skills to help you for your future.