

Hamza – Age 26



Went to Braidwood School –
September 2005 to July 2010

My Job:

Freelancer language support tutor,
student in three courses, British Deaf
Association event co-ordinator,
Muslim Deaf Society administrator
and Silent Horn Foundation trustee

What do I remember about Braidwood School?

I have such wonderful memories I will
never forget in school, my favourite
memory would be the prom night at
the end of Year 11 at the Greek
restaurant in Birmingham town

centre and I enjoyed that night I let my hair down. I learnt so much from the school thanks to some amazing teachers and looking back on what I have learnt I would said that it would be linked to the enterprise that I knew how to persuade people, sell things for profit and design things that would be beneficial for the businesses in terms of economy etc.

There are so many things I like and dislike about the school, I like the playground and a big oak tree at the back of that where me and friends can sit down, I disliked the swimming baths that was so cold, I like to meet new people and learn about different history, culture and languages and I disliked mathematics. I love IT, Media, English, Design Technology, Science and Food Technology.

I admit I was not good at the beginning in the school but later in the time I recognised the rewards of hard work when I was in Year 9 to prepare my exams so I would be able to enter the studies in colleges and then later going to the University of Wolverhampton.

I have always wanted to be Teacher of Deaf, I do not have any other jobs hence that is why I have been setting up my own business to help Deaf and Hard of Hearing students at the University with language support. I was planning to be a teacher when I was in Walsall College after attempting to study two courses then realised the career path of the teacher have the potential for me. I was natural that I love to meet new people, I am good with the children I am speaking from my experience as a uncle to my beautiful nephews and niece and when I was in IT Level 3 course at the college the class used to have hearing students they do not know how to communicate so I have weekly BSL teaching with them at the end of the lessons and it went from there I decided to be the teacher to follow in my late mother' footsteps, my big sisters and maternal cousins.

What did I do when I left Braidwood School?

I applied for a Creative Arts course at Walsall College, Skills for Working Life course, and then finally BTEC National Diploma in IT and Networking Level 2 to Level 3. Was planning to go to University in 2014 but due to Mum's death I stayed at the college for one more year before I applied Deaf Studies, Special Needs and Inclusion Studies at University of Wolverhampton. Graduated from the University in September 2018 with BA Honours 2:1.

Took a gap year then went to study BSL Level 3 with Sandwell Deaf Community Association. Passed Level 3 in autumn 2020, currently studying Modifying English Texts for Deaf People Level 3, Deaf History Part 2 City Lit and BSL Level 6.

What is the best thing about my job as a teacher? What is the worst thing?

The best thing about being a teacher is seeing the children exceed their studies because of the knowledge, support, guidance and love you are contributing in terms of their education. The worst thing about being a teacher is the mountain of paperwork that has to be marked lots!

The advice I would give to the pupils at Braidwood School:

You need to work hard and you will pass exams. You also learn who you are and what skills you have and learn more. Be proud of yourself, go and conquer the world and follow your heart. It will tell you what is right for your future in every aspect of life for career, family and friends, personal goals and if you want to do something then do this. What are you waiting for? Need help? Ask! All the best for the future, good luck!

The documentary will be releasing out on BBC See Hear on 27 January at 8:00 AM on BBC 2.