



NAME

Mark Hutton

YEAR OF LEAVING

1998 (left the Sixth Form)

CURRENT JOB TITLE

Applications Engineer for Daikin Air Conditioning UK Ltd

FAVOURITE SUBJECT IN THE CASTLE SCHOOL AND WHY?

I always enjoyed History. Helen Roberts was my teacher from around Year 9 to Year 13 and her passion and enthusiasm definitely rubbed off on me. She encouraged her students to ask questions and test the evidence and this is something I encourage my own children to do. I also very much enjoyed PE. Any excuse to play Rugby was always wholeheartedly received!

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE SINCE LEAVING THE CASTLE SCHOOL?

I studied Sports Science at University for 2 years, which gave me the opportunity to work in the USA for 3 months at a Summer Camp for children. I also met my Wife at University, and we have now been married for 8 years and have 2 beautiful children.

I've been with Daikin Air Conditioning for 14 years now having moved through different departments within the company. My current role as an Applications Engineer I've been doing for just over 6 years.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN LIFE AND HOW DID YOUR EXPERIENCE AT THE CASTLE SCHOOL HELP YOU TO ACHIEVE OTHER SUCCESSES?

My family is my greatest achievement. My family is my number 1 priority, everything I do, all decisions (both personal and professional) take their needs into account.

Castle School taught me to respect other people's needs, wishes and desires. For me this is very important and in my professional life allows me to identify these personable traits in my colleagues and customers and therefore makes me a more effective and valued member of my team.

WHAT ONE PIECE OF ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO CURRENT STUDENTS?

Stay true to yourself. People will come and go; opportunities will come and go. Make the most of what comes your way, both good and bad, as great opportunities can come out of what seem to be the most awful situations.

Ultimately, enjoy and experience life.

WHAT'S YOUR NEXT BIG GOAL?

No big plans at this stage. I'm lucky enough to have my personal and professional lives very nicely balanced as this is very important to me and as such am very much enjoying life currently.

However, should an opportunity come along I will always give it careful consideration and if it's something that is agreeable with my own values and the requirements of my family, then it could be something I will happily undertake.