



Joanna Lumley
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Chelmsford College is on hand to offer a friendly

Favourite teachers can change your world for the better

Everyone has one. Their favourite teacher. The one who rocked your world. Who believed in you. Who inspired you and who stands out, even now – perhaps who even encouraged you to be in the career you’re in today.

According to “Send My Friend to School”, actress Joanna Lumley has four favourite teachers: “Miss Horten-Smith was my English teacher. She was a bit mad and a fabulous teacher. Sister Joan taught me French – I loved it. Mrs Curran taught me Drama – look where it’s got me. Sister Barbara taught me Latin – I still owe her an essay on Cicero. I love teachers.”

NASA astronaut Buzz Aldrin found maths tough and said: “I was the first in my class in maths because of Mr Leach at

High School New Jersey”

For Oprah Winfrey it was her fourth grade teacher, Mrs Duncan, who “believed in her” and as a result she was “no longer afraid to be smart”.

It feels good when someone has been so exceptional at their job that they’ve had a huge impact on your education. Maybe they’ve even changed your life.

Isn’t that what education and training should be about? That you feel so alive and enjoy what you’re learning so much that it doesn’t feel like hard work? You’re amongst friends and someone else “gets you”. You share a love of a subject and want to learn more.

Welcome to College. All at once, you’re here because you want to be. It’s your choice.

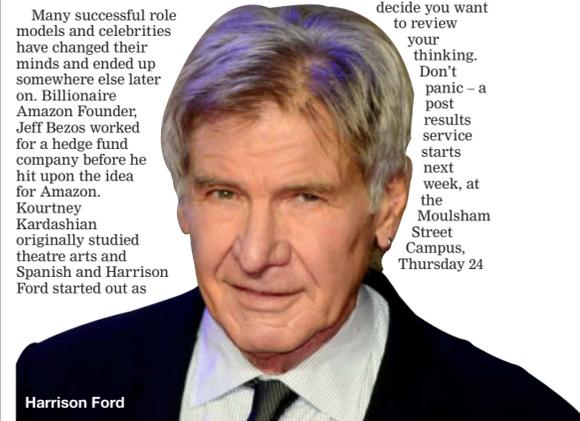
You’re learning what you want to, when you want to. You’re responsible for your own destiny. And you’re supported by tutors who have worked in the real world and seriously love their subject. What they teach is their favourite thing. They won’t teach you textbook-style because they know what works. They’ll share their top tips to help you fast track your success and if they see you don’t get something first time around, they’ll find another way to help you understand it. You get real-life examples to work through so you can be confident that you’ll be ready to enter the world of work fully prepared.

Choosing college can feel like a big choice to make. But it’s also an exciting one. It’s your life, your future, and you’re in control. You’re not alone, you are surrounded by like-minded friends, all in the same boat. Everyone was new at college once. And if you’re not sure which course to take, or which career to choose, Chelmsford College has a team of dedicated specialists waiting to help you.

Danni Hunter, Medical Science student at Chelmsford College says: “The most exciting part of coming to college has been where the course has taken me. I have had five interviews for university, all of which have been successful and I have been offered a place at my chosen university to study my chosen subject, paramedic science.”

It’s not the end of the world if you change your mind either – these things happen. It’s much better to get things right. This is an important time to decide what you want to do next. It can feel loaded with pressure, that you have to make the correct choice, first time. In reality, skills learnt are never lost and so much of learning new skills is transferable. If you’ve picked the wrong course there’s still time to swap to something better.

Many successful role models and celebrities have changed their minds and ended up somewhere else later on. Billionaire Amazon Founder, Jeff Bezos worked for a hedge fund company before he hit upon the idea for Amazon. Kourtney Kardashian originally studied theatre arts and Spanish and Harrison Ford started out as



Harrison Ford

(From left) Marilyn Rutter, Blanda De Lorenzo, Shelly Goodman and Sarah Munford



a carpenter, building cabinets on George Lucas’ film sets.

If you have the slightest nagging doubt about what you want to do, you can take advantage of a free one-to-one chat to explore your options and check you’re aware of all the choices you have available to you. With GCSE results due out next week, you might decide you want to review your thinking. Don’t panic – a post results service starts next week, at the Moulsham Street Campus, Thursday 24

ear to prospective students looking to take the next step in their education

August until Friday 1 September, 10am until 2pm everyday except weekends and Bank Holiday Monday.

Chelmsford College will provide a friendly ear to talk through what you could do if you haven’t made your mind up or if anything changes.

Bethan Rose, a student on the Level 3 Applied Science (Medical) course, says: “The happy atmosphere makes Chelmsford College special, the tutors are always there to help with any problems and help you to do the best you can.”

Now and next week really is a time to celebrate. You’ve just completed a huge part of your educational life. School is behind you and you get to choose what happens next. In the words of Author Jack Canfield (who wrote Chicken Soup for the Soul) “Don’t worry about failures, worry about the chances you miss when you don’t even try.”

Blanda De Lorenzo was new to the area when she chose Chelmsford College. She says “The teachers are so lovely. You’ll definitely make good memories. Coming to the College I’ve made great friends. The most exciting part has been

achieving things and having the teachers supporting you along the way and making you believe in yourself.”

Who was your favourite teacher? How did they inspire you? If they could give you one bit of advice now, what might that be? We’d love to hear about your favourite teacher. You can post on Facebook at facebook.com/ChelmsfordCollege or tweet @ChelmsfordCol to share your stories.

The Chelmsford College “Don’t Panic” Post Results Service kicks in next week. It runs at the Moulsham Street Campus, from Thursday, August 24, until Friday, September 1, from 10am until 2pm everyday excluding weekends and Bank Holiday Monday. You can also call the Hotline on 01245 293031 or email information@chelmsford.ac.uk

The next Showcase event is on Saturday, September 2, from 9.30am until noon at the Moulsham Street Campus. This is your chance to talk things through with tutors and careers advisers, you can even apply on the day to enrol the following week. For more information visit www.chelmsford.ac.uk



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