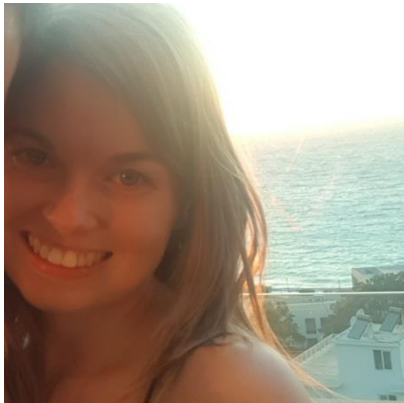




Alumni profiles

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Name: Emma Jones

Leaving year: 2011

Education/Training after St Mary's:

University of Leeds – BA French

Current role: Project Manager

Current city: Manchester

What have you done since leaving St Marys

Since leaving St Mary's after having completed my A Levels in July 2011, I went on to study French at the University of Leeds for four years, which included a year abroad teaching secondary school students English in the French town of Le Mans. Following University, I managed to be successful in gaining a place on the Business Leadership graduate scheme at Centrica. This was a fantastic opportunity for me to really develop my employability skills, and I undertook several different placements for eight months over a 2 year period, including an Insights Analyst, a Team Manager and a Product and Propositions Manager. It was great to be able to experience managing a team of seven staff, juggling multiple projects and working with stakeholders from all across the business such as Digital, Marketing and HR. Another great part of the programme was being able to travel to many different sites across the UK, and be able to grow a really strong support network around me during my time there.

Current role?

After completing the graduate scheme in December 2018, I was fortunate to gain a permanent role at Centrica working as a Project Manager. I have been working as a Project Manager for eight months now, and have gained lots of experience in project planning, stakeholder management and delivering transformational change across the business which is really exciting! I am currently working on a couple of different projects which are focussed on creating an online Self serve option for our customers and also developing new system tools to help our call centre staff to have more effective conversations with our customers over the telephone.

Best advice for current pupils at St Mary?

The best piece of advice I could give for anyone who is finding it difficult to know what to do after they finish St Marys is not to rush as there is plenty of time to decide what you would like to do. Many graduate schemes accept all types of degree subjects so the main thing is to make sure you pick a subject to study that you enjoy at University (as you will have to study this for at least three years!). I would also try and gain some work experience in different areas that you are interested in, as I think this will really help you to know which sectors to concentrate on when you are applying for University courses.