

LIFE AFTER TANFIELD

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MY LIFE AFTER LEAVING TANFIELD

My form tutor was Mrs Hawkins, and our classroom was right at the top of the Tower Block! I feel lucky to have had Mrs Hawkins as our tutor, she guided me well throughout my time there.

After leaving Tanfield I went on to New College Durham where I gained two A Levels, in English Literature and Media Studies.

I gave the Royal Navy a try, but it wasn't for me, so then worked in car sales and the Building Industry as a buyer.

Through changes of circumstances, I took my career down a very different path and have been a counsellor since 2017, after graduating from Sunderland University with a BA Hons degree.

I have worked in a female prison, and as part of a sexual exploitation project in the West End of Newcastle. I now work in a GP surgery and a local mental health charity Think Positive...I absolutely love it!!

Alongside my career, I have two gorgeous boys, Alexander, 11 and Christopher, 10. Alexander now is at Tanfield too, good choice! Christopher is also likely to go to Tanfield. I have a stepson too, Mason who is 20.

I'm very happily married to Mike, and love spending time with family and friends and travelling whenever possible.

My best friend is Louise McCallum, now married to my husband's best friend, and we are godparents to her little boy. She literally cannot get rid of me as we've followed each other through junior school, Tanfield, college and life!!