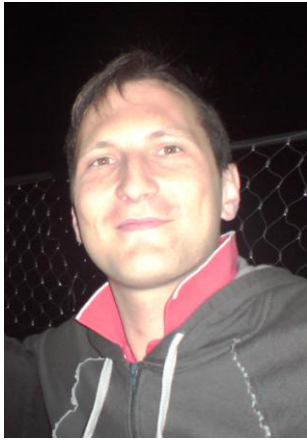


Dr Stephen Legg



Occupation: Lecturer in Cultural and Historical Geography, University of Nottingham

Qualifications: BA, PhD (Cantab)
(Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge)

How did Kimberley Sixth Form help prepare you for your current occupation?

"My A Levels in History and Geography established the core interests which still under-write my teaching and research, and introduced me to the methodologies which still inform my work. I don't mention the Maths so much...."

What did you most value about your Kimberley Sixth Form experience?

"I enjoyed the balance between individual work and structured teaching; the mix of people and interests in the sixth form and the support from staff for students with differing career aspirations."

Favourite lessons:

History (Despite becoming a Geographer !)

Why?

The encounter with a period (16th century) and places (Ottoman Turkey) that I had never experienced before and a novel approach to politics.

Any lasting memories?

Geography fieldtrips! They were legendary and, erm, extreme.

Would you recommend the Sixth Form to others?

Yes

Stacey Devonport



Occupation:

Professional Actor

Qualifications:

Graduate of ALRA
(The Academy of Live
and Recorded Arts)

How did Kimberley Sixth Form help prepare you for your current occupation?

"When I decided that acting was what I wanted to do it was the support, guidance and more importantly belief in me that I received from the teachers I had at Sixth Form that helped. I had no idea where people went to become actors but the staff gave their individual time researching, writing letters, preparing audition speeches and finding funding - not to mention the support that I got when the knock backs came."

What did you most value about your Kimberley Sixth Form experience?

" Maybe the smaller class sizes so that you get one to one teaching, but you're also treated like an adult and you discover that you have skills that you didn't even know you would need. That includes friends you would never have thought you would make!

Whilst working in Stratford at the Royal Shakespeare Company with their Head of Voice, Lyn Darnley, we were discussing Shakespeare and the language and structure of his writing. It wasn't until after the discussion that I realised, everything I had asked her during the discussion and the way in which I did it - those skills had come from my History and English classes at A-Level."

Any lasting memories?

"I left Kimberley Sixth Form with a whole tool box of skills, not only A-Levels but friendships and continual support. This could not have been made clearer when in my final year Ms Hughes came to London to see me perform as Viola, three years after I had left the sixth form."

Would you recommend the Sixth Form to others?

"I know that I would never have received any of this support had I gone to college like many of my friends. I would like to thank Mr Smith, Mrs Charlton and especially Ms Hughes without whom, well, my journey would never have begun."

Christy Brockway



Occupation: Student studying Mathematics at Nottingham University.

Qualifications: GCSE's and Grade A A-Levels in Mathematics, Chemistry and Biology.

How did Kimberley Sixth Form help prepare you for your current occupation?

"Good teaching, support and care from staff enabled me to get the grades I needed. Small class sizes helped to improve my confidence."

What did you most value about your Kimberley Sixth Form experience?

"The close relationship between all the pupils and the staff – it's a very close and friendly community."

Favourite lessons:

Maths and Chemistry.

Why?

Small classes, lots of extra support, interesting activities, close pupil-teacher relationship.

Any lasting memories?

6th Form socials, charity events (Red Nose Day) and going to the special revision day organised by the Science department (and being well fed!).

Any other comments?

Many people think 6th Form will be just like the last 5 years of school but it's a completely different experience, you make loads of new friends and see people in a different light!

Would you recommend the Sixth Form to others?

Yes, it's important when you're doing A Levels to be with teachers you can always rely on, who know your strengths and weaknesses, so they can structure the lesson around your needs.

Robert Flowerdew



Occupation: Customer
Service Adviser

Qualifications: Degree in Law
at Swansea
University
Legal Practice
Course at
Nottingham Law
School

How did Kimberley Sixth Form help prepare you for your current occupation?

"The support that was offered at Kimberley ensured that I knew what was required to enter the field of law. Careers advice was always available and often followed up which for me was a benefit as I was often the one putting things off."

What did you most value about your Kimberley Sixth Form experience?

"It didn't matter how few people wanted to do a particular subject, it was still put on. I was in one class of four and one of eight, at other institutions this would not have happened. The general support for all the students is better at Kimberley than the other institutions that I have studied at during my education."

Favourite lessons:

"I most enjoyed the History lessons."

Why?

"Not only did we get involved in the lessons and teaching. We learned in an atmosphere that was fun and stimulating."

Any lasting memories?

"The social aspect to sixth form. The Christmas Parties, some best forgotten."

Would you recommend the Sixth Form to others?

"The sixth form is not just a college that wants to meet its intake requirement, it has a staff that want to help to make you a better person."