

A message from Memory Lane to Park Community Academy

Hello everybody at Park Community Academy, my name is Emma Cooper and I was a pupil of the academy which was previously known as Park School from Monday 13th November 2006 until Friday 26th June 2009. I'm sending you guys this document to talk about my time at Park School and I'm also uploading a recent photo of myself as to how I look today.

My history at Park School

It has been 2 years and 7 months from when I started at Park School until the day that I left the school as a pupil for the final time. Since then I have made visits to the school on a number of occasions after that with my most recent visit being on Friday 8th of January 2016 to see Mrs Muchlinski (former Deputy Headmaster of Park School) retire from teaching for good when we had that big assembly with the whole school to celebrate her retirement and to wish her well for the future.

I'm now going to talk about what I can remember from my time at Park School and you guys will be amazed as to how much information that I will be able to remember since I started Park to my very last day there.

2006

- **September 2006** - Before officially starting at Park School, I had a tour around the school which was organised by Mr Berry where I met my new teachers and classmates and I even spent a full day at the school itself the very next day which went really well.
- **Monday 13th November 2006** - This was the day in which I officially started at Park School where my base classroom was the English classroom. My staff members were Mrs Robinson and Ms Cooper at the time and my class was known as 9R until Friday 20th July 2007.
- **Tuesday 12th of December 2006** - During my P.E. lessons leading up to this date, I remember going to Palatine High School for trampoline sessions where I was awarded certificates for performing the required actions. I do believe that I was the only person out of my classmates to be awarded all 4 certificates (Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum) which was a huge achievement, considering that this was only a month after I started at Park School.
- **December 2006** - I went to the Hot Ice Arena which was part of Blackpool Pleasure Beach with the Park School Choir and the Band where this was an

event which took place at night after school about a week before the Christmas holidays. I sang as part of the school choir and there were other schools across Blackpool & The Fylde Coast at that event as well. The teachers that I can remember who were there on that date were Miss Neish (now a former Music/Drama teacher), Mr Bradford and Mr Strachan.

2007

- **Wednesday 10th January 2007** - This was when I had my first proper trip during my time at Park School where I went to the Empire Theatre in Liverpool by coach with the Key Stage 3 and the Key Stage 4 year groups. From what I can remember, we were watching a musical called The Blood Brothers and I had to reflect on what happened throughout the show in my next English lesson.
- **March 2007** - This was my very first time attending the annual Penwortham Music event with the school choir and the school band which was inside St Leonards Church in Penwortham near Preston. There were a number of schools who were at that event as well and from what I can remember, we managed to win on at least two occasions, one was when I was part of the school choir and one where three members of the Band performed together.
- **May 2007** - I can also remember going out to Stanley Primary School with my school choir and the school band which was sometime after school in the evening on one day from around May of 2007. Again I sang as part of the school choir in front of the pupils and staff at Stanley Primary School.
- **July 2007** - This was the first time that I performed at Park School's Summer Show in the Assembly room with my Year 9 classmates where I had to perform in front of parents/carers and staff members from the school. I do believe that the title of that Summer Show was "I'd Do Anything" from Oliver Twist.
- **July 2007** - Sometime around this date, I found out which classroom that I was to go to from September of that year and it turned out that I was to be in Mrs Butcher's Science classroom where my class would become 10B after the summer holidays were over.
- **July 2007** - About a day or so before I broke up for the summer holidays, I went to Stanley Park with the rest of the Key Stage 3 & Key Stage 4 pupils of Park School for my first Sports Day event and I do believe that I had to participate in the 100 metres and the Long Jump events back then.

Regardless of my performances, I was awarded a medal for taking part.

- **September 2007** - I was now a Year 10 pupil at the time where my base classroom was the Science classroom. My staff members were Mrs Butcher and Ms Barker and my class was known as 10B until Friday 25th July 2008.
- **September 2007** - I started attending Palatine High School (now South Shore Academy) for my GCSE's with a few of my classmates who were lucky enough to go there for about 3 days a week or so during term time. The subjects that I studied whilst at Palatine High School were I.C.T, Science and Maths. After I sat my first mock exam which was Science (a multiple choice exam), I somehow managed to score 34/34 on that subject which I thought would've given me an A* until I realised that because I took the Foundation Level exam, my top mark was a C which I was proud regardless of the dispute.
- **September 2007** - Also on this date, I started attending Blackpool & The Fylde College for the very first time for one afternoon a week which I think was every Thursday afternoon where I remember attending the Cookery classroom which was located on the 4th Floor of the college. This seemed to last until around the summer of 2008.
- **September 2007** - I also remember going to Myerscough College for the very first time which was again one afternoon a week although I think that this alternated between weeks with Blackpool & The Fylde College. During the visit to Myerscough College back then, I attended the Horticultural classroom until 2008 where I was learning how to look after the animals that were there.
- **September 2007** - I think that there was this one time around this date in which I attended St Thomas' Church which was located on the junction of Counce Street and Devonshire Road in Blackpool with the rest of the choir from Park School.
- **September 2007** - Also around this time frame, I do remember starting to attend the After School Clubs where the activities that were on offer during those clubs took place from 3:30pm until 4:30pm for one day of every week during term time. The only After School Club that I remember attending was the Art club which took place up in The Stables building where I do believe that Mrs Foulds and Mrs Snape were there and I think that was every Monday afternoon after school.

- Around late 2007 - I think that there was one point around the latter part of 2007 where I remember getting picked up from my house by Mrs Irving and Miss Bold (now Mrs Johnson) and they took me to Blackpool Town Hall with a few other pupils of Park School sometime after school for only a brief period.

2008

- January 2008 - I attended Myerscough College which again was one afternoon a week but around the spring of 2008, I went to see a number of animals that were there and I also learnt how to look after them which continued until around the summer of that year.
- March 2008 - This was the second time that I attended the annual Penwortham Music event with the school choir and the school band where once again, there were a number of schools who were at that event as well. From what I can remember, the school choir didn't manage to win although the Band won on at least one occasion.
- Around April 2008 - I remember going to the City Learning Centre where I went in the Media room with a guy who I think was named Ian. When I was in the Media room, we were talking about Blackpool's "Schools For The Future" where I was filmed talking about what Park School could look like in the years to come and so on.
- Friday 9th May 2008 - On this date, I went to Ribby Hall Village for the first time with the school choir and the band where I performed in front of an audience as part of the school choir during the afternoon event.
- Around May 2008 - I was taken to Redwood School in Rochdale by Mr Berry with 3 other pupils who I think were Jack R, Rachel M and Mark W who were all in Year 11 at the time. We had a tour of the school back then and this seemed more like a mainstream school but I had a nice day regardless.
- June 2008 - Around this time frame, I remember going to Bispham High School with the school choir and the band and I had to perform in front of an audience throughout the evening event.
- June 2008 - Also around June of 2008, I went over to Blackpool Zoo when I was a Year 10 pupil where I explored the zoo and had lunch there as well whilst watching at least a couple of animal shows during my time there.

- **July 2008 - This was the second time that I performed at Park School's Summer Show in the Assembly room with my Year 10 classmates where once again, we had to perform in front of parents/carers and staff members from the school. The title of that Summer Show was "Any Dream Will Do" from Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat where I sang the title song on my own and I also remember singing "Start of Something New" and We're All In This Together" which were both songs from the 2006 film High School Musical.**
- **July 2008 - Sometime around this date, I found out which classroom that I was to go to from September of that year and it turned out that I was to be in The Stables building with Mr Johnson and Miss Dyson where my class would become 11J after the summer holidays were over.**
- **July 2008 - About a day or so before I broke up for the Summer holidays, I went to Stanley Park with the rest of the Key Stage 3 & Key Stage 4 pupils of Park School for my last Sports Day event and I do believe that I had to participate in the 100 metres event back then. Again, I was awarded a medal for taking part regardless of my performance.**
- **Monday 8th September 2008 - I was now a Year 11 pupil at the time where my base classroom was up in The Stables building. My staff members were Mr Johnson and Miss Dyson and my class was known as 11J until Friday 26th June 2009.**
- **September 2008 - Also around this time frame, I do remember attending the After School Clubs once again where the activities lasted for one day each week from 3:30pm until 4:30pm. This time, I attended the I.C.T. club which was with Mrs Snape where it was every Monday afternoon after school during term time.**
- **September 2008 - It was the start of my second and final year of attending Palatine High School for my GCSE's where I continued with my I.C.T., Maths and Science classes in order to prepare myself for the exams which took place at different stages until June 2009.**
- **September 2008 - I once again attended Blackpool & The Fylde College every Thursday but this time, it was a full day instead of just every Thursday afternoon. This was known as the 14 - 16 School Links where I had to participate in courses which were Drama in the morning and Bricklaying in the afternoon which continued until the end of January 2009.**

- **Around October 2008 - I think that I can remember attending Blackpool Sports Centre for at least one of my P.E. lessons with Mr Johnson where we were doing exercises on the bikes in the gym room at the time which lasted for around 20 - 30 minutes.**
- **Around November 2008 - I think that I can remember going to the Hilton Hotel for the first time with my classmates on one evening at around the latter part of 2008 where I do believe that I had to dress in smart clothes as I think it was an Awards night.**
- **Around December 2008 - I went to Manchester Arena with the school choir and we had to sing a number of songs with other schools that were at that event throughout the evening performance.**

2009

- **January or February 2009 - I do believe that sometime before I left Park School, I went on a trip to the Sea Life Centre with my classmates where I explored the area to what creatures that were inside the centre although I don't remember the exact date of when this trip took place.**
- **February 2009 - May 2009 - I attended Blackpool & The Fylde College every Thursday as part of the 14 - 16 School Links but this time, the courses that I had to participate were I.C.T. in the morning where Mrs Morris was the tutor before going over to Ansdell College to do Hair & Beauty after lunch where Miss Wainwright was the tutor.**
- **Sunday 1st March 2009 - I attended the annual Penwortham Music event for the final time where I sang not only with the school choir but I also sang as a soloist. Not only did I win as part of the choir but I was also lucky enough to win as a soloist for the school which I was extremely proud to be a part of the choir even though I really wasn't 100% well at the time.**
- **Tuesday 24th March 2009 - I do believe that this was the exact date in which I was in the assembly room with the rest of my Year 11 classmates for a P.E. lesson with Mr Johnson where we were separated into two groups (Boys and Girls) and we had to try and kick a ball into the goalpost as fast as we could in three attempts. On my second attempt, I managed to kick the ball into the goalpost at 30 miles per hour and that was the fastest attempt out of all of the girls that were present in that lesson. I do believe that I was awarded a certificate for kicking the ball at the fastest speed possible.**

- **Around April 2009 - This was my second visit to the City Learning Centre where I can remember participating in Media and Computer Programming throughout the day.**
- **Monday 27th April - Friday 7th May 2009 - After the Easter holidays, I had to undertake a 2 week work experience placement which was at Morrisons on Amy Johnson Way in Blackpool. I worked in the Café department for those 2 weeks however on my very final day of my work placement, I had to go over to Ribby Hall Village to sing with the school choir as I was expected to perform there.**
- **Friday 7th May 2009 - On this date, I went over to Ribby Hall Village for the final time with the school choir and the school band where we sang a number of songs in front of an audience. Back then, I did a solo section of "Under The Sea" from Disney's The Little Mermaid which I remember the audience clapping at the end of my solo section before I sang "Zero to Hero" from Disney's Hercules with the rest of the school choir and we continued to sing as a choir for the duration of our performance.**
- **Around May 2009 - I remember going to The Grand Theatre sometime before I left Park School however, I can't remember what show that we've watched back then.**
- **Around May 2009 - I think that I remember going out to Grundy Art Gallery with my classmates from Park School where we had a tour of the gallery and we also went to the library throughout the day as well.**
- **Around early June 2009 - I remember going to the Buffet @ Preston Chinese Restaurant which is located at Friargate in Preston with my classmates where Mr Bradford and Miss Dyson were there as well.**
- **Monday 15th June 2009 - On this date, I went to the Hilton Hotel in Blackpool for the annual Awards event and during the evening event, I was presented with a certificate in relation to my achievements.**
- **June 2009 - About a week or so before I was due to leave Park School, I remember going to the Odeon cinema which was located on Rigby Road in Blackpool with the rest of my classmates and the film that we watched was called Transformers: Revenge Of The Fallen which had only just been out in cinemas around that time. We sat in the very front row and we had our sweets that were provided to us by Mr Johnson and Miss Dyson.**

- **Monday 22nd June 2009** - This was the date when I sat my final exam at Palatine High School which I think was Maths. When it came to Results Day back in August 2009, I was very nervous about how well I performed in my GCSE's but when I looked at my results, I was surprised to find out that I had actually achieved 2 C's in both I.C.T. and Science and a D in Maths which allowed me to go onto a Level 1 (GCSE equivalent) course at Blackpool & The Fylde College from September of that year instead of the traditional Access (Entry Level equivalent) courses which I would normally have had to go onto as a pupil of Park School.
- **Wednesday 24th June 2009** - This was the date of the annual Prom event which took place at The Cliffs Hotel where I dressed up in my outfit for the annual Prom event with my classmates where I had to give a speech along with Andrew H (an 11K pupil of Park School at the time) before the Prom event had come to an end.
- **Thursday 25th June 2009** - For my final trip with my classmates from Park School, we went to Pizza Hut in Cleveleys to celebrate the successes that we had ever since we started as pupils of the school. I got very emotional at the end of the day as I thought that I wouldn't be able to see or contact you guys ever again but once I eventually calmed down, I was ready to leave Park School the very next day for the Leaver's Assembly.
- **Friday 26th June 2009** - This was to be my very final day as a pupil of Park School after 2 years and 7 months since I started there. I attended the Leaver's Assembly with the rest of my classmates from both 11J and 11K along with the whole school to discuss the highlights about what happened throughout our time at Park School. I got a mention from Julie Neish saying that I was an excellent member of the school choir and she also mentioned me winning at the Penwortham Music event, not only as part of a choir but also as a soloist which I was extremely proud to hear. After we received our Records of Achievement towards the end of the assembly, we listened to a very short section of a song called "Simply The Best" by Tina Turner which was the Leaver's song that is usually played every year.

The lessons that I had at Park School

Throughout my time at Park School, I can remember the names of the teachers (yes that does include their first names) who taught me the subjects based on the timetables that I had to follow whilst at the school and they were:

- Art - Mrs Foulds
- Childcare - Mrs Evans
- English - Mrs Robinson
- Food Technology - Same teacher as Childcare
- French - Miss Corcoran
- I.C.T - Mr Bradford
- Maths - Mr Strachan & Mr Knott
- Music - Ms Neish, Mrs Docherty & Mrs Hobbs
- P.E - Mr Johnson
- Science - Mrs Irving and Mrs Butcher
- Technology - Mr Wilson

Names of the staff members at Park School

I can also remember the names of the staff members who were there during my time at Park School and they are:

- Mr Berry
- Mrs Muchlinski
- Mr Bradford
- Mr Mooney
- Mrs Hughes
- Miss Niland
- Mrs Buckley

- Miss Bateman (now known as Mrs Houghton)
- Ms Kelly
- Mr Johnson
- Miss Dyson
- Mr Knott
- Mrs Knott
- Miss Neish
- Mrs Docherty
- Mrs Hobbs
- Mr Keogh
- Mrs Foulds
- Mr Strachan
- Mrs Cooper
- Mrs Hamer
- Mrs Irving
- Miss Bold (now known as Mrs Johnson)
- Mrs Heaney
- Mrs Crouch
- Mrs Miles
- Mrs Evans
- Miss Dunkley

- Mrs Thorpe (she left Park School sometime after 21st May 2010)
- Mrs Robinson
- Ms Barker (she was at Park School from September 2007 until July 2008)
- Mr Friendship
- Mrs Hill
- Miss Rogers
- Mr Woodward
- Mrs Roache
- Mrs Butler
- Mrs Kitchin (as her current surname is now known)
- Mrs Naftel
- Mrs Hammond
- Mrs Fielder

My classmates from Park School

Throughout my 2 years and 7 months at Park School, there were a number of classmates that I still remember today who are now ex-pupils of the school and they are:

- Anthony C
- Anthony S
- Blake H
- Chantelle M
- Daniel L

- David C
- David M
- Kieran B
- Kirsty S
- Jade G
- Jade J
- Laura S
- Lianne R
- Nathan B
- Paris C
- Paul R
- Philippa W
- Ryan W
- Sam E
- Sarah B
- Sarah R
- Steven F

Names of other pupils from Park School

I can also remember the names of some of the other pupils who were there during my time at Park School and they are:

- Ryan C

- **Elesia P**
- **Ella A**
- **Ema P**
- **Liam P**
- **Carole P**
- **Sarah L**
- **Martin M**
- **Khim G**
- **Nathan ER**
- **Sarah L**
- **Nicholas T**
- **Antony B**
- **Louie B**
- **Michael B**
- **Kia E**
- **Warren C**
- **Louis K**
- **Sarah K**
- **Todd B**
- **Robert E**
- **Nikita C**

- **Allan A**
- **Alan H**
- **Anna W**
- **Raymond C**
- **Victoria**
- **Stephanie**
- **Shane H**
- **Chelsea C**
- **Samantha C**
- **Alexandra C**
- **Stacey M**
- **Macauley W**
- **Macaulay B**
- **Angela O**
- **Amy W**
- **Thomas R**
- **Keiran L**
- **Ben W**
- **David B**
- **Beth K**
- **Abigail K**

- **Cindy G**
- **Kimberley G**
- **Chelsea F**
- **Chloe O**
- **Dennis S**
- **Elizabeth W**
- **Gareth P**
- **George B**
- **Joshua G**
- **Josh F**
- **Hayden C**
- **Imogen D**
- **Jack H**
- **Jake B**
- **James J**
- **Jemma G**
- **Kai F**
- **Kallum W**
- **Kayleigh F**
- **Kessler T**
- **Kieran D**

- Kyle C
- Leon B
- Karl W
- Liam M
- Maddison F
- Mirabelle P
- Rebecca H
- Robert D
- Tara M
- Mary B
- Darren P
- Kieran M
- Kayleigh C
- Mamun B
- Ben M
- Joshua B
- Chloe P
- Reece P
- Reece S
- Ben B
- Lisa K

- Jasmine P
- Joel R
- Jack F
- Sara J
- Amiee H
- Ben D
- Toni Kal A
- Shaun B
- Ben W
- Conner M
- Danielle F
- Nathaniel W
- Sammy L
- Zoe G
- Mark W
- Jack R
- Rachel M
- Rachel B
- Cathryn B

My escorts to and from Park School

From Monday 13th November 2006 until Thursday 25th June 2009, there were 3 escorts who picked me up from home and took me to Park School and vice versa

by bus. Although I don't know the name of the drivers of those buses, I can remember the names of the escorts and they were as follows:

- Jeanette - From Monday 13th November 2006 until Friday 20th July 2007
- Pat - From September 2007 until Friday 25th July 2008
- Joy - From Monday 8th September 2008 until Thursday 25th June 2009

My visits to Park School as an ex-pupil

From July 2009 until Friday 8th January 2016, I made a number of visits to the school whilst I was an ex-pupil and from what I can remember they are as follows:

- July 2009 - This was my very first official visit to Park School as an ex-pupil where I attended the Sports Day event which took place by the MUGA area (Multi Use Games Area) of Park School and I saw all of the Key Stage 1 and the Key Stage 2 pupils that participated throughout that event. Only Mrs Muchlinski recognised me whereas everybody else just watched the event.
- November 2009 - This was my second visit to Park School as an ex-pupil where this time, I attended the Bingo event which took place in the assembly room. Mr Bradford was doing the bingo calling while Mr Johnson was by the canteen section of the assembly room and they eventually recognised me during the event.
- Friday 27th November 2009 - This was the exact date in which I attended the annual Coffee Morning and it was my first time doing so whilst I was an ex-pupil of Park School. This event was held in the Year 11 classrooms at The Stables building where Mr Johnson and Miss Dyson were there and they recognised me when they saw me.
- Thursday 17th December 2009 - This was 3 weeks after the Coffee Morning event where I attended the Christmas Carol Service even though it was only for parents/carers who have a pupil of Park School. I joined in with everybody who were there at the event by singing a number of Christmas carols. One of the pupils recognised me during the event (I think her name was Rose J) where she sat a row in front of me but Miss Dyson (the staff member who sat next to her) turned her attention away from me and we had to continue singing regardless.
- Tuesday 9th February 2010 - Around this time frame, I remember going to the Winter Gardens in Blackpool where some members of the BASSO

orchestra recognised me even though they were getting ready to perform as part of the Schools Alive event which usually took place every February.

- **Friday 21st May 2010** - I remember this exact date because I was in the assembly room with the whole of Park School. This was a WAM (Worth A Mention) assembly where towards the end, I had to come up on stage to talk about the progress that I have made so far. I did get a bit nervous at first but once I relaxed, I did my presentation where I'd written a card to the whole school which included a motto that said "Always remember me forever" at the very end of my presentation which the whole school clapped afterwards. Also during this assembly, I can remember Mrs Thorpe making her retirement speech to the school as well as I think she left Park School sometime after this date.
- **July 2010** - Sometime during this month, I once again attended the Sports Day event which took place by the MUGA area (Multi Use Games Area) like it was the year before and I saw all of the Key Stage 1 and the Key Stage 2 pupils that participated throughout that event.
- **Early October 2010** - I do remember visiting Park School from around this time frame where I presented my certificates that I achieved from college to Mrs Muchlinski where she photocopied them and gave them back to me. Back then, I achieved an overall grade of Distinction for my BTEC Introductory Diploma in IT & Work course and I also achieved 2 Key Skills Level 1 certificates for both Communication and Application of Number.
- **Around Autumn 2010** - I think that this was around the time frame when I started to attend the Youth Club at Park School for one evening a week where it cost 50p to attend. I think it was every Monday night and I remember playing Table Football with Mr Bradford and a few other ex-pupils there until I stopped attending the club around the middle part of 2011.
- **Monday 22nd November 2010** - I do think that this was the exact date in which the Presentation Evening event was held in the Year 11 classrooms at The Stables building. I was chosen to present in front of the Year 11 Leavers who had left Park School back on Friday 25th June 2010. I don't know why I was extremely nervous during my speech and emotional afterwards but as time went on in the years after this event, I started to become more confident and mature in delivering presentations throughout my college and university studies.

- **Thursday 9th December 2010** - On this date, I remember going to the Winter Gardens in Blackpool on that night where the school choir and the school band from Park School were there. Some of the group recognised me even though everybody were getting ready to perform on stage in front of an audience.
- **Saturday 1st October 2011** - This was the exact date in which I opened Park School's annual Autumn Fayre where I had to give a speech in order to start this event and at the end of my speech, I remember Mr Berry giving me a kiss and giving me a bouquet of flowers which I took home on what was an exceptionally hot day.
- **Wednesday 17th July 2013** - I think this was the exact date in which I once again visited Park School and I wanted to tell you guys that I achieved the highest overall grade of Triple Distinction Star for my BTEC Extended Diploma In Business course from Blackpool & The Fylde College. I had a tour around the school and I explored the new Diamond building which wasn't there when I was a pupil of Park School and even more staff members recognised me throughout the tour.
- **Friday 11th December 2015** - This was the second and my last Coffee Morning event which I attended as an ex-pupil of Park School where again, the event was held up in the Year 11 classrooms at The Stables building and the staff members who were there recognised me. I also remember Mrs Fielder inviting me to attend the assembly the very next month to see Mrs Muchlinski retire from teaching for good which I was more than happy to accept the invitation.
- **Friday 8th January 2016** - This was the most recent visit that I made to Park School where I attended the assembly session where Mrs Muchlinski retired from teaching for good. I listened to songs from the school choir where the lyrics were in reference to her and after Mrs Muchlinski made her speech to the whole school, I went up on stage to give her a card to wish her well for the future.

The present time

This year will mark 14 years since I started at Park School and 11 years since I left the school and I've achieved a lot of things such as obtaining a range of qualifications from Blackpool & The Fylde College to eventually graduating from the University Centre in Blackpool with a degree in Accounting.

Thank you everybody for reading this document and I do hope that all of those memories that I have experienced during my time at the school will come flooding back to as many people as possible.

Oh and here's the most recent photo that I've took of myself.

