

Ian Clarkson

1982 - 1987

I left Tudor Grange with 8 'O' Levels back in 1987 and went straight into a career in professional football. I was Birmingham City's youngest captain at the age of 20 and went on to make over 400 league appearances for Birmingham, Stoke City, Northampton Town and Kidderminster Harriers.

Subsequently, I was a Sports Journalist for the Sunday Mercury and Birmingham Post before running a sports project for Solihull Council.

For the past 13 years I have been a Teacher at Repton Preparatory School (Physical Education and PSHE). I did my studying through the Open University and received a degree and subsequent QTS status.

Tudor Grange taught me the value of hard work, friendship, and social skills. It also gives you lifelong friends and we continue to keep in touch via a Facebook page.

I'm volunteering to give my time back to Tudor Grange as I can show pupils there are lots of different routes to taking a degree, and social skills are equally as important.



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