

What is your name? - Josh Rogers

What is your job title/course name? - Currently working Mean Girls The Musical as the Sound Number 4

When were you at Wade Deacon High School? - 2012-2017

What is your best memory from school? - Spending time in the music practice rooms playing guitar and having cups of tea with Mrs Hughes in the music office. Also performing the Sound of Music where it all went wrong and we turned the show into an improv comedy.

In terms of careers, what do you wish you knew back then? - I wish I knew that this career existed. After Wade Deacon I went on to study Music, Drama and Maths A levels at Cronton college but it was only there where I discovered "Set Club" an extra curricular club in which you would build the props and some of the smaller set for the musicals. This led me to going to Priestley College following this and completing a Production Arts B-Tech course before attending university. My point being that I would never be in this profession if I didn't join an extra-curricular club in college. My career is so hidden in the theatrical world and I would just want anyone to know that theatre isn't all about acting and there is so much more to what makes a show a show.

What is your job/programme of study? - I completed a Production Arts Degree at Guildford School of Acting, Graduating in July 2023 and began working on the West End in Sept 2023.

Did you ever to have this career/next step towards a career - I never even knew my career existed so no. I suppose my next step would be to just continue where I am, progressing my knowledge into new technologies so I can continue doing what I'm doing.

How did your studies help you to get into this career? - The amazing support I got from my teachers at Wade deacon both academically and mentally allowed me to follow my passion to the fullest. I'd like to especially thank Mrs Hughes, Miss Batch, Miss K and James Gallagher for their exceptional support.

What advice would you give to Wade Deacon High students who want to go into this career? - If you love theatre follow your heart and research into different careers. Theatre is a vast landscape and there is so many other positions other than acting that are so incredibly fun and rewarding. Theatre is everything and has the power to change your life if that is something you want.

Also life has many twists and turns and sometimes it might feel like you have completely messed up your career but you can also try again. When you are in High School it feels like you have to make all your future decisions there and then but you are very young and if you follow your passion then life has a way of working things out for the best.