

What is your name? - Matthew Stratford

What is your job title/course name? - Operational Team Manager at North West Ambulance Service

When were you at Wade Deacon High School? 1984 to 1989

What is your best memory from school? - Being summoned into Miss Jackson's hallowed office to be informed that I had been made a prefect.

In terms of careers, what do you wish you knew back then? - I don't remember any careers advice being offered back then.

How did your studies help you to get into this career? -- I attained my GCSEs and went to Cronton Sixth Form College, and then to Liverpool Hope University where I completed a B.Ed degree. I qualified as a primary school teacher and taught for 26 years. I joined Nwas in October 2021 as a Call Handler before being promoted to a management role in April 2022. I think the key to working towards any career is to be conscientious, hardworking and always giving your best.

What advice would you give to Wade Deacon High students who want to go into this career? - There are a wide range of roles in the ambulance service which cover every aspect of the career spectrum. We welcome applications from anyone from eighteen years of age although there may be qualifications required for some roles. If you are interested in joining the green family, attend one of our open days or access our website www.nwas.nhs.uk for more information!

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