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institution, as it changed my life and has taken me through an amazing journey that I could have never imagined back in 1975.



DAVID COLE

LIFE SCIENCE BSc, 1976

After a First Class Degree from PCL, I completed a PhD at the University of Bath and a Research Fellowship at the University of Oxford, providing a sharp appreciation of the UK educational landscape and its social divisions. My career then really took off in the 1980s and 1990s in the international agrochemical business. I now successfully freelance as an R&D facilitator in agri-food, bringing industry, science and government together in research programmes to advance sustainable development. I mix professional life with time in beautiful Norway with my lady friend, having learnt the language courtesy of a former lecturer at the University of Westminster! It would be a pleasure to hear of any ex-colleagues through Facebook or LinkedIn.



DAVID MORGAN

SOCIAL SCIENCE OVERSEAS SCHOLAR, 1977

In reflecting how to best summarise my overseas scholarship experience at PCL in 1976/77, a host of powerful thoughts and feelings still resound. So, perhaps the most salient is to express my profound and innate gratitude for this most powerful experience via a nautical metaphor, an 'anchor in the waters of life'. I use this same metaphor with my current retirement and estate planning firm, for it undergirds a powerful mantra for and to others, its words hopefully illuminating vestiges of hope and impact, to current and future students as well as alumni.

JOLYON CULBERTSON

URBAN ESTATE MANAGEMENT DIPLOMA, 1976

Back in the 1970s I would never have imagined having a surveying career outside the UK. After 30 years in Hong Kong and four years in Miami I am looking forward to getting back in touch with the UK. I don't recall much training in the art of auctioneering but I did manage one successful sale on my 50th birthday. My moustache went under the hammer for HK65,000 (approx £5,000).



TOM WALSH

TOWN PLANNING POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA, 1976

Having finished the Postgraduate Diploma in Town Planning in 1976, I ended up roaming the world – being an Irish geographer – in international education and project management for the British Council and I recently started at the British University Vietnam in Hanoi. I am now working near London as both a mentor and consultant on internationalisation for universities. I would love to hear from the RTP1 class of 1973 to 1976 from the Marylebone Campus.



BRIAN PAGE

LIFE SCIENCES PhD, 1978

Having graduated with a PhD in Life Sciences, and knowing nothing about business, I became a technical sales representative with a US multinational. I learned a lot very quickly and changed company a few times, eventually becoming the Managing Director of the UK subsidiary of another US multinational in 1988. Having learned enough about corporate life, I established my own life science company, Labtech International, in 1993. In addition to running Labtech, I have formed, bought and sold a number of life science companies. The revolution in life sciences

and development of applications remains fascinating!



JAMILA BERNAT

TRANSLATION DIPLOMA, 1980

When I started work as a freelance translator I met some great people including Elton John in Windsor, Jeremy Paxman at the BBC and saw Ronnie Biggs when I interpreted in Belmarsh. I have two lovely grandsons, am second dan in karate and have a certificate in web design. I visit Tunisia, where I was born, a couple of times each year and in the last five years I've visited Bahrain, Kuwait, Casablanca, Rajasthan, Nairobi, the Edinburgh Festival and Paris several times. I am 69, but people tell me that I look 45–50 years old. I believe that is because I have learnt to think in a positive way, in addition to remaining mentally and physically active, healthy and happy.

AMAL MELEIGY

COMPUTER STUDIES HND, 1981

I have a marketing company and work with foreign travel companies to increase their market share and their share value in the UK. I also have a website which offers excellent deals for theatre and London attractions.

TREVOR YANG

SOCIAL SCIENCE BA, 1983

After leaving PCL in 1983 I went to the College of Law in Lancaster Gate followed by a brief spell at BP. I then progressed to the City in 1986 where I worked for various stockbroking houses in London and Hong Kong. I left the financial industry in 2003 and joined my current company, Jebson, where I am Group Director. Aside from work I have sat on a number of Hong Kong government bodies as well as chairing Worldwide Fund for Nature, Hong Kong. I am also a Catalyst member of UKTI, and of the Development Board of Oxford University China Centre.

LEE YOUNG

SOCIAL SCIENCE BA, 1982

If anyone is interested in art and Egyptology, I will be taking part in a study day at the Institute of Archaeology University College London for the Friends of the Petrie Museum on 13 December 2014. I think I must be quite unusual for a Westminster alumna in that I am an Egyptologist, but if anyone remembers me from my time there it would be great to catch up.