Profile of a Steiner Alumnus

Paul Ransom is the Lead Consultant in Accident and Emergency at Brighton Hospital. He went to Michael Hall from 1967-1978, where he studied French, Music and English for A levels and went on to Cambridge University to do a degree in English and German. He excelled as a classical pianist and trained in performance at Trinity College, London.

He then travelled, working casually in Berlin and Central America. It was when he witnessed the civil war in Nicaragua that he decided to become a doctor and to specialise in emergency work.

Aged 26 Paul came back to England, took science GCSEs, and did a conversion course and medical degree at Manchester University. He was 32 when he qualified.

In addition to his work in Brighton, Paul spends a month a year working for the Halo Trust, a charity which specialises in the removal of landmines. This has taken him to Cambodia, Eritrea, Angola, Afghanistan and many other countries to train local paramedics in how to treat the victims of mine explosions. Paul insists that his involvement with the Halo Trust is “play, not work. I just go to wonderful places, meet lovely people, eat lots of weird things and hear great stories.” He insists, “People always latch on to the Halo Trust as the most important part of my life, but working for the NHS is also immensely rewarding.”

Paul has sent his own children to Michael Hall, and feels that the love and attention that the school always showed to languages and arts is increasingly shown towards science. Does he begrudge the imbalance in the curriculum in his school days? “I used to, but actually I really love the arts as a young person. That was completely me then and I think Steiner education gave the confidence – the bounce – which enabled me to change course and choose medicine.”

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