



Mill Chase Academy

Ambition, Courage, Excellence



Michael Bowtell
Mill Chase Student September 1968 to 1973

College & Qualifications Achieved	Farnham Sixth Form - A Levels
University & Qualifications Achieved	Oxford Polytechnic – H.N.D. Business Studies Master’s Degree in Business Administration (MBA) - Open University (1995) BSc (Honours) Psychology – Open University (2016)
Other qualifications or skills gained	Chartered Accountant (ICAEW)
Current Role	Psychology
Achievements	<p>After getting my Chartered Accountancy qualification I joined the audit department of KPMG in their London Office where my clients included a brewery and Eurotunnel (with site visit included). Who said accountancy was boring!</p> <p>Since then I have had a number of Finance/Accounting jobs as a Finance Manager managing people and accounting departments in various business sectors. These include the University of Cambridge’s Research Grants department, as part of a small team setting up a company to manage a schools broadband network across 6 counties in the East Midlands, and the Marylebone Cricket Club (M.C.C.) at Lords.</p> <p>In the early 1990s I studied for a Master’s Degree in Business Administration (MBA) with the Open University to complement my accountancy skills and give me wider business knowledge.</p>

	<p>I have just completed a BSc (Hons) in Psychology which whilst being hard work was very enjoyable – it is a fascinating subject. Getting a degree has been on my “to-do” list for a long time so I can now tick that particular box.</p>
Personal Message	<p>Reflecting back my time at Mill Chase has had a profound effect on me. I have used my 11 plus examination failure as motivation but my enjoyable time at Mill Chase gave me the strength to challenge myself.</p> <p>I think in this increasingly fast-paced world one needs to continually keep learning – school is only the start. If a school does nothing else it must engender a love of learning and develop enquiring minds.</p> <p>It is a competitive world and you will need to work hard and at times and be resilient – I have been made redundant three times! By setting goals and challenging yourself you will maximise your potential but always bear in mind that you can only do your best and you (and only you) know what that is. I would love to play the guitar or write a book but even I must admit that’s beyond me.</p>