


Life After Ravenshall - Where are we now?



My name is: **Glen Parkinson**



I left Ravenshall in 2009 and I am now 27 yrs old. I live in a flat with my partner, Amanda (together 10 years) and I work full time. We are saving for our own house in Morley.

When I left school, I went to Dewsbury College  to do an Entry Level "Introduction to English and Maths" course. I thought I wanted to do horse care 🐾 as a job, but I went from 4 legs 🐎 to 4 wheels 🚗!!!

I found "Real Employment"  were a great help to me. They taught me things like how to type a CV, interview tips and even offered to come with me if I needed it. They really helped me with my confidence. I also went on a course with the Prince's  Trust, tried some volunteer work and then one day I decided to be brave.

I had always liked cars, so I went to a garage (Evans Halshaw in Dewsbury), knocked on the door, gave them my CV and asked if they had any jobs. They said "yes" and gave me a job! I worked valeting cars. I worked there for 3 years and then, in 2018, I moved to



availableCAR.com  where I now still work, with over 5000 cars! I've driven an Aston Martin and a Rolls Royce as part of my job and I drive my own SEAT Ibiza. 



Having a job makes you more grown up. I pay my bills and pay into a pension for when I am older.

A few things about me:



Favourites.... TV show *Top Gear*, food *curry*, hobbies and interests *playing with cars!!!*



Scariest Moment: "*Walking into a Job Centre!*"

What I can remember about Ravenshall:

* *Mr Ivens teaching me history in Yr7 (dressing up in a robe and hat with a cricket bat) learning about the Black Death.*




* *Mrs McGrath teaching me the card game because it taught me who was lying!*

* *My friends: Corey Crosland, Alyssa Barclay, Katie Palmer....*

I really missTina - she was ace!

If only school had taught me

How to write a CV and apply for a job as well as good budgeting skills - being a able to prepare a meal with a set amount of money. 

The best part of the school day was horse riding on a Friday with Miss Dawson

Who or what helped me prepare for my life now?

"Mrs Ribbons teaching me to wire a plug."

My top tips and sayings for you:

"As long as you have that heart and passion to find work, you will."

"Keep plodding along, keep trying and you will get somewhere eventually. Never give up."

