



Notable Alumni

Plan B – (Ben Drew)



Plan B or **Ben Drew** is an English rapper, singer-songwriter, actor and film director from Forest Gate, London. He attended the Anglo European School from the age of 11 until later moving to a specialist Science College in Leytonstone, Plan B first emerged as a hip hop artist releasing his critically acclaimed debut album *Who Needs Actions When You Got Words* in 2006. His second studio album, *The Defamation of Strickland Banks* (2010), was a soul record and went straight into the UK albums chart at number one. He has also collaborated with other artists such as Chase & Status most notably on the top ten single "End Credits" (2009).

Drew has also had a successful film career as an actor, with roles in *Adulthood* (2008), *Harry Brown* (2009), *4.3.2.1* (2010) and *The Sweeney* (2012). In 2012, Drew released the film *Ill Manors*, which he had written and directed.

David Abraham



David Abraham is the Chief Executive of the United Kingdom's Channel Four Television Corporation, appointed in January 2010. He joined the Anglo European School in Year 10 in 1981, and went on to study Modern History at Oxford.

David's background is in commerce rather than television production. However, prior to his appointment at Channel Four he gained 9 years experience controlling pay-TV channels in both the UK and US. During the 1990s he co-founded the advertising agency St Luke's and helped reposition major consumer businesses such as The Body Shop and BP. In the United States he was vice-president of the Discovery Home network and president and general manager of the TLC channel for Discovery Networks. As head of UKTV from 2007 he oversaw the re-branding of UKTV channels such as Dave, Gold, Yesterday and Blighty.

Lydia Bright



Lydia Rose Bright attended the Anglo European School between 2002 and 2007. She then took a gap year before being approached by a production company to join the cast of a new television show called 'The Only Way Is Essex'. The show became a huge success and Lydia fast became a household name but her passion for fashion and dream to open a boutique grew stronger. In 2012, Lydia decided to leave The Only Way Is Essex and open a shop with her sister in Loughton Essex, she now has her own clothing range.

Mario Falcone & Chris Drake



Mario Falcone and Chris Drake both attended the Anglo European School between 1999 and 2004. The former students appear in the reality television show 'The Only Way Is Essex'. Mario joined the show in 2011 with Chris following in 2012.

Nadine Lewington



Nadine Lewington is a British actress, most notable for her role as Dr Young on Holby City. Raised in Witham she attended the Anglo European School. Nadine went on to study at Braintree College, where she gained a BTEC National Diploma in Performing Arts, she attended Middlesex University and Drama Studio in London, graduating in 2003 achieving a BA Hons. in drama. Other credits include Television: 'The Misfits', 'Lewis', 'Doctors', 'Casualty', 'Dream Team', Film: 'All in good time' & Contraction, various theatre productions, commercials and voice over's.

Douglas Mccallum



Douglas McCallum is Managing Director of eBay. He has a passion for the people of business- customers, eBay company team members, Community members as well as shareholders. He is on a mission to lead changes in business which make meaningful positive differences for those people. Douglas has been a pioneer of the internet industry for 17 years; for the last ten years at eBay where he led the UK business and then turned around the pan-European business. Prior to eBay he was founder and general manager of

a number of businesses in the internet, broadcasting, software and hardware industries. Douglas read PPE at the University of Oxford, and has an MBA from Harvard Business School.

James Harper



James Harper born in 1980 in Chelmsford, Essex is a professional footballer. He attended the Anglo European School and then began his career as a trainee with Arsenal. He then joined Reading football club in 2001 for an undisclosed fee that was widely reported to be around £400,000 and was named the official player of the season in 2002/3, he remained at Reading until 2010 when he then transferred to Sheffield United.

From Sheffield, James moved to Hull City and most recently in August 2012 he signed a one-year deal with Doncaster Rovers.

Dan Wright



Dan Wright is a British comedian and TV presenter. He began his TV career as co-host of the CBeebies programme Big Cook Little Cook. Wright plays the little cook, with his comedy double act partner, Steve Marsh. He was previously a police officer.

Wright and his co-host Stephen Marsh perform as the stand-up comedy partnership Electric Forecast. His most recent appearance was with BBC Three as part of a series of programmes looking at body image and

contrasting stereotypes. Other credits include Sky One's Crash Test Dummies, Big Brother's Big Mouth, ITV's Kingdom and Nuts TV.

In 2012 Dan's solo stand-up show 'Michael Jackson Touched Me' was nominated for 'Best Show'. Dan is also to start filming a new sketch show for CBBC, directed by Dominic Brigstocke.

Henrietta Rose Samuels



'**Hetty Rose Shoes**' was set up by Henrietta in 2007, she was a pupil at Anglo European School between 1993 and 2000, she then went on to graduate from the London College of Fashion with a degree in Footwear Design & Development (Cordwainers).

During her time at university, Henrietta also gained an industrial placement for one year of study with footwear designer Georgina Goodman. She has worked in London and Italy for handmade shoe companies. Henrietta was selected to exhibit at London Fashion Week in her first season. She now features at many shows and exhibitions and often hosts shoe parties.

Henrietta loves: her workshop, sushi, circles, colour and milky tea!

JOHN HEFFERNAN



John Heffernan is an actor, trained at Webber Douglas Academy of Dramatic Art. He is a company member of the National Theatre and has appeared in their productions of Emperor and Galilean, After the dance, the Habit of Art, The Revenger's Tragedy and Major Barbara.

Other theatre credits with The Royal Shakespeare Company include King John, Much Ado about Nothing and Romeo and Juliet and most recently The Physicists at the Donmar Warehouse in London.

John has also appeared on television in The Shadow Line, The Academy and Holby Blue. Film credits include King Lear.