



### Former Pupil Profile



Veneet Sood (Class of 1996) visited the school in January with his wife Joanna and son Alex. Veneet tells us about his career since moving to Sydney, Australia.

#### **Where are you now? (What has been your journey since you left Hamilton College?)**

When I left Hamilton College I went onto study Accounting and Finance at Strathclyde University until 1999. I then started working with Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PwC) in Glasgow as an Auditor before transferring to Sydney in 2005. I have lived in Sydney ever since and moved into Banking. I am now a Product Finance Manager with Westpac Bank.

#### **Tell us about your Career Highlights.**

The opportunity to move to Sydney in 2005 is definitely a career highlight and opened up many opportunities for me.

#### **What did you learn at Hamilton College that you have taken into your career?**

I learnt how to apply myself and focus on goal orientated outcomes. Importantly I learnt how to study hard but have fun at the same time.

#### **What advice would you give to current pupils?**

Don't worry if you don't know what you want to do yet. Take the time to find something you enjoy and will be rewarding. It will be better in the long run!

#### **Any special memories from school?**

My final year... I studied hard and achieved 5 As. However I had a lot of fun and made friends that I'm still close to today... And that school trip to France in 1994!!

Veneet and his family arranged a tour of the school during their holiday in Scotland. Head Girl Cat Bell and Deputy Head Girl Hollie McRae showed Veneet around the school. "I had an absolute ball seeing all the changes re-living so much of my childhood! It was also great seeing some of the teachers from my time 20 years ago!"

Veneet continued his reminiscing when he returned home to Sydney and sent two of his class photos, one from 1989 and one from 1995.

