



**Olivia Sandy**

Olivia Sandy is a former student who attended Kendrick School between 2003-2010. Olivia enjoyed her time here and was very successful in both her GCSEs and A-Level examinations. She chose to study Chemistry, Maths, German & French at A-Level.

During her time at Kendrick Olivia represented the school at netball, hockey, tennis, rounders, lacrosse, tag rugby...although she says one of her proudest sporting moments had to be winning the Year 11 Interform Dance (it was legendary apparently!). When Olivia left Kendrick, she went on to the University of Bath to study Psychology BSc between 2010-2014. This included one year in industry, during which I worked at Lloyds Banking Group in Bristol in the Customer Research team. I played lacrosse at university, was Treasurer for the Psychology Society, and Manager of the Gospel/Acapella/Soul/Pop (GASP) Choir.





After leaving university in 2014, Olivia joined the Commercial Graduate Programme at Kingfisher PLC, and spent one year working as a Junior Category Manager at Castorama

France. This involved managing and developing ranges of products sold in France's equivalent store of B&Q. She lived in Lille in northern France, worked in French offices, quickly



improved her overall French fluency, and spent her spare time travelling Northern Europe and eating pastries and crepes!



Olivia later moved back to the UK and spent one year working as an Assistant Buyer at B&Q, before coming off the graduate programme into a full-time role as Product Lead - Plumbing at Kingfisher PLC. This was a centralised role, managing & developing products for Kingfisher's 9 companies across Europe.

In 2020 she was promoted to manage the Heating category. Alongside her main role, she is involved in Kingfisher's Gender Affinity Network, and leads the 'Allyship' workstream which aims to engage and educate male colleagues on the challenges that women face primarily in business, and by default in their personal life too. So far Olivia's work has enabled many senior managers and directors to better understand and manage their female employees; as well as open their eyes to the lived experiences of all the women in their lives. As a wider Network, they have introduced a Menopause policy into the Group, improved parental leave conditions, and continue to work towards improved flexible working opportunities.



Olivia is currently on maternity leave - spending time with, and focussing on, her greatest achievement to date!

