

ALUMNI PROFILE

ANN-MARIE SOARES



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I was a pupil at St Teresa's between 1972 and 1977 when Mr Walker was the Head-teacher. I was Head Girl at the school all those years ago and remember enjoying rounders, badminton & playing netball. I also enjoyed recorder club & playing the guitar. I remember making my Holy Communion with Fr. Taylor & Fr. Breene.

After leaving St. Teresa's I went on to Philip Morant school & was Head Girl there too. I went on to study Medicine at University College Hospital, which then became University College Hospital & Middlesex school of Medicine, qualifying in 1991.

Whilst at Medical school I had lots of opportunity to travel which I loved; I spent time in India working on a Leprosy rehabilitation centre, in Canada on a Paediatric placement and working on a nutrition project in Tanzania (after completing my intercalated BSc. in Nutrition). My elective was spent on Palm Island Aboriginal island off Townsville, Queensland, Australia (all fascinating, great fun & with travel being the best education!)

My GP training was on the St. Albans & Hemel Hempstead vocational training scheme. After completing 3 years on the scheme I took a year out, going back to Australia to work in Oncology and Haematology with care of the elderly in Wollongong, New South Wales. After backpacking around Asia for 6 months I eventually got a GP partnership in Braintree, Essex & was there for 15 years. I am now working locally in Colchester & am due to start as an Associate Specialist at St Helena Hospice in Palliative Medicine.

To complete life's circle, my children now go to St. Teresa's and are currently in years 3 & 5 ...still wearing the same uniform and as happy there as I was! Different teachers but same lovely Catholic, spiritual & caring ethos. With love & good luck wishes, Ann-Marie Soares.