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What you were like as a child, what was your family like?

I'm English and I grew up [REDACTED] surrounded by Lakes & Mountains. I had a good bond with my grandparents, my grandfather taking me for many walks and hiking in the mountains. My parents were very academic, and they pushed me to achieve my best at school. My dad worked his way up to be a Lab Manager [REDACTED] while studying at [REDACTED] university, and my mum was an accountant. At school I was a bit quiet and shy (at least until around 14), and I had one younger sister. My aunt and family friend looked after us for some of the time as children - while both my parents worked full time.

What were you good at (or bad at!) at school, your hobbies?

I was always most talented at maths & science and decent at Geography. At primary school in maths, I always was often ahead of the exercise book and in the top few of my class. This passion continued until university when I ended up enrolled on a Maths & Chemistry course.

I was less good at art & not super keen on sports – the [REDACTED] weather can be challenging – so I had quite a lot of cold & wet PE lessons!

I started playing piano aged 5, after seeing my teacher play and wanting to do it. I reached grade 8 (the highest) at age 18. It was a bumpy ride, there were times when I wanted to quit – but I stuck to it and this taught me exercising perseverance with something to succeed and reach your goals. I enjoy listening to music now, while I'm getting ready for work, running, or just doing housework!

By age 14 I really started to enjoy school. I had a great group of friends and made the most of the work and the social element.

I also very much like travelling, I am very curious in other cultures and people. As well as exploring different places. I also like to keep active/fit.

Your religious/philosophical views on life:

My parents brought me up Christian Protestant, and although both consider themselves to be religious, neither are at all active or discuss it (so I have my doubts!). I went to Church of England school, however as time went by I became an atheist. One day (I hope) I could believe in something, but my mind is quite data and science driven – and I haven't yet seen or felt any evidence for religion. I believe in being kind and working together as a community, as humans thrive & are happiest when they give/receive and help each other.

Your personality and temperament – are you relaxed, strong-minded, creative or a bit of a perfectionist?

I am quite easy going, and someone who likes to plan and consider many of the scenarios that could happen before making decisions. I am strong minded in the things that really matter, however also someone who tries very hard not to get worked up by small issues. I'm quite rationale, analytical and pragmatic – these themes also carry into my every day decision making! My friends would probably describe me as kind, considerate and fun to be around. I am quite an introvert – I thrive much better in small groups better than larger ones!

Your job and why you chose it?

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I work in Finance in a large corporation. I love my role, responsibility, and impact I am having driving business decisions. I am considering moving to a more medium size company, so I can maintain a better work life balance with my family while having even more impact across the business.

What subjects you studied and why?

At university I started studying Maths & Chemistry, but also took some Economics modules in the first year which I really loved. In the end I finalised in Maths. I then moved and studied my Chartered Accountancy – which stole some prime weekend nights out in my early twenties – but was well worth it!

Favourite books, music, things to do:

I enjoy travelling a lot. I find the best way for me to relax, is to be out of the UK somewhere. Although my partner & I try and go on a ski holiday every year or so, city or beach breaks are the best for me. A couple of my favourite places – Vietnam Halong Bay, Thai islands, South America – Brazil / Colombia & closer to home Greece or Portugal. Food wise I love Asian or Italian!

■ ■ ■ I took 4 months out & went to South America. I started to learn Spanish (which wasn't so successful), but what was by far more successful was the experience. Attempting to learn a language was something I found challenging, but very enriching. It teaches you more deeply about the culture, as well as utilising a different part of the brain. Some of the countries are spectacular, including Panama & Costa Rica.

'The Beach' is probably my favourite book, as it resonated with me as I had just started to get into travelling. On a day to day, quite geeky, but I enjoy keeping up with the world & particularly enjoy reading The Economist, often at the beach •

Oh... I love spicy food, having spice in either lunches or dinners – as well my breakfasts at the weekend!

How would you describe what you look like? What do you like about yourself? Are there any family trends?

Ok – the easiest & most difficult question - all at once!

So I'm almost 6 foot 1 inch, - so quite tall. I was always thin as a child, and as an adult, I eat well to maintain a toned/ average physique. I have blue eyes, light brown hair, reasonably good looking (only based on other people's feedback, not my own! •). People have said occasionally I have a resemblance to a younger Chris Martin from Coldplay – which – although not entirely true - I can somewhat get where they are coming from! My skin, whilst very fair, tans reasonably easily, I used to have a few freckles as a child, but they are gone now.

One family trend I seem to have inherited is that they are always cold. Haven't worked if it's hereditary, or just that I was brought up with the heating blazing all through the year!

What is your earliest memory?

I remember having an eagle land on my shoulders at some event/fair. I was probably 3 or 4 years old.

What is really important to you in life?

Love, happiness & health. Everything else is icing on the cake. Of course, being driven, having a successful career and some money usually helps to contribute to happiness, but everyone needs to work out for themselves on what it is that makes them happy & fulfilled, and go out and do it



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Donor Goodwill Message to Offspring

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You are a very special individual. Your parents really wanted you, probably more than anything! This should give you confidence in yourself, because you will carry these traits forward! You should also [REDACTED] have some quite sturdy genetics from my side. People in my family have generally lived quite long & happy lives with no super rare genetic diseases, at least any that we are aware of!

The advice I would give is to be confident & comfortable in yourself. That may take some time to find, but persevere. You are unique and that is very powerful. Play to your strengths while being aware about the areas that may need improvements. Go find love, happiness and success, for you specifically, whatever that looks like! Don't be scared of making mistakes along the way, it's worse to regret not trying. You will succeed, and you are very much loved by your parents. Keep a close support network around you, and surround yourself by positive people that make you laugh and be happy.

If you do want to connect and find out more about your genetic past, my door will always be open. I would love to hear about your life, your stories, and find out what sort of amazing person you are • Wishing you the absolute best.