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Former student looks back on how Harrow College prepared him for inspiring career



An inspirational speaker whose career has gone from strength to strength since graduating from Harrow College is encouraging others to discover the power of saying yes.

Anthony Bennett studied Media Production at Harrow College and graduated back in 2010.

Anthony said: “I studied Media Production because I’m a visual learner. At college, learning how to make content in a way that really connects with people has allowed me to develop skills that I still use today.”

Anthony praised Rajvi Veya and James Carew, two of his teachers at Harrow College, as “the best teachers I’ve had in my life”.

He added: “James was the most grounded, down-to-earth teacher ever. He taught us about teamwork and the importance of helping each other. He really cared about us.

“With Rajvi, it always felt peaceful in her class. She’d come round and help every single person and spend however long was needed with them. She’d go above and beyond to help us out.”

After graduating from Harrow College, Anthony went on to study Media Production at the University of Winchester.

He now travels around the country delivering inspirational talks to schools, colleges, workplaces and other organisations.

His career as an inspirational speaker stems from a period of serious illness when he was 16 years old. Having been resuscitated 12 times and given just a 10 per cent chance of survival, Anthony defied the odds to return to good health and a thriving career.

His first talk came after he was given the opportunity from the Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity to share his story with global finance firm Morgan Stanley.

Anthony explained: “I had to make a choice, yes or no. When you say the word no, nothing changes. If you say the word yes, amazing things could happen.

“Now I’ve been speaking for 17 years, and it’s something I never thought I’d do in my whole life because my biggest fear was speaking in front of people. We never know which lane life’s going to take us down, but it’s all part of the fun!”

Anthony, who previously attended Ravenor Primary School and Greenford High School, recently returned to HRUC to give a motivational speech at Uxbridge College’s student awards evening.

He said: “It was like a full circle moment. I’m very thankful that HRUC allowed me the opportunity to come back.”

Asked what advice he would offer to students, Anthony said: “There will be challenging times, but when you get to that first hurdle, you have to find a way over the hurdle and keep going.

“If you’re trying to figure it all out by yourself, it will take a lot longer than if you ask for help. So speak to friends and family, reach out to others, and they can help you map out the pathway to get to where you want to be.”

To find out more about how Harrow College can help you fulfil your ambitions, please visit [Home | Harrow College](#)

Find out more about Anthony at www.anthonyinspires.com

Note to editors: Following a merger in 2023, HRUC (Harrow, Richmond and Uxbridge Colleges) has rapidly evolved into a thriving educational hub with three colleges and a strong apprenticeship provision. The diverse and aspiring college group now serves nearly 15,000 learners across west and south London, offering a range of courses, including A-Levels, vocational programmes, T-Levels, higher education courses and apprenticeships. The College group also proudly supports over 850 learners with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), providing tailored programmes and internships to help them thrive.