I really enjoyed studying geography at school and my teachers encouraged me to continue through A Level to university. I had a particular interest and flair for weather, geomorphology and glaciology and so studied a BSc Physical Geography course at the University of Reading. Throughout my course I developed a real love for all things weather and climate and this lead me to do a Master’s in Applied Meteorology and Climatology at the University of Birmingham.

I was very fortunate to get my first job in weather at the Met Office where I worked as a Meteorologist for seven years producing weather forecasts for a variety of customers. From here I moved to my current role as a Weather Producer for Sky News.

How does geography help you in your everyday work?
Studying geography has given me a broad range of transferable skills, which I use every day. I use observational and analytical skills to interpret weather data on both a local and global scale. I then communicate that information to the general public ensuring it is at a suitable level for the intended audience.

Advice to someone thinking of taking geography further
Geography will give you a fantastic understanding of the world around you. It also provides a wide range of transferable skills, such as team-working and problem-solving, which will make you very desirable to a future employer.

Others in this sector include
Air Pollution Specialist, Local Authority
Australia Oil and Gas Team Manager, Deloitte
Catastrophe Risk Analyst, Faber
Costal Technical Specialist, Environment Agency
Coastal Technical Specialist, Golder Associates Ltd (UK)
Scientist, Rivers and Coastal Environments, Atkins
Soil Mechanics Scientist, GNS Science
Technical Specialist: Groundwater and Contaminated Land, Environment Agency