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BIC 2015 LEAVER

**BSC (HONS) GEOGRAPHY
(QUB)**

**PGCE GEOGRAPHY
POSTGRADUATE
CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION
(UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER)**

MY TIME AT BLACKWATER

I left Blackwater Integrated College in 2015 with the world at my feet. Blackwater provided me with the foundation I needed to pursue my goals. The core values of the school are taught across every subject and I believe that attending an integrated school was the best decision in my journey. Blackwater taught me the values of respect, tolerance, and the importance of resilience.

Blackwater is great in offering support to GCSE students for their time after school, whether that be employment or vocational/further education. The wide range of GCSE options allowed me to select those which I enjoyed the most and this enabled me to complete A-Levels at Down High School.

The teachers at Blackwater are fantastic and they work tirelessly to ensure students receive the support they need. I think the pastoral side of things is great too. Their passion for the subject they teach 'rubs off' onto students - one of those being me.

WHERE AM I NOW?

I was inspired by my GCSE Geography teacher to follow my goals and to never stop believing in myself. I decided I wanted to become like the staff at BIC. After my A Levels I went to Queen's University Belfast to study geography. I enjoyed my time even though it was cut short by the coronavirus pandemic. I graduated in June 2020 with first class honours in the subject that I love.

I am currently completing my PGCE with Ulster University, which in a few months, will qualify me as a geography teacher. I don't think I would have ended up doing what I love had I not gone to Blackwater. Anyone who knows me knows I am always singing its praises.

For those P7 students who may be considering Blackwater - I highly recommend that you say YES! YES to learning, YES to having fun and YES to building skills so that the world is your oyster.