

## Alumni in the Spotlight

**Name:** Vidhi Patel

**Job Title:** Final Year Dental Student

**Company:** University of Manchester

**Year that I left Copley:** 2014



### What was your dream job when you were 10?

Something in the medical field – caring for people.

### What did you do when you left Copley?

Went to Ashton Sixth Form where I got 3A's maths/chem/bio + BAS physics  
Then I got into the University of Manchester to study Dentistry.

### What do you do day-to-day in your job?

Currently a final year Dental student – so my usual week consists of clinical teaching along with lectures and seminars.

### What skills and attributes do you need to do your job well?

You need to love what you are doing in order to enjoy the 5 year gruelling degree as well as be content with looking into people's mouths whatever their situation!

Approach situations holistically – a lot of people perceive dentistry to be merely teeth but it requires tackling situations from a general perspective of the body; the first few years of the degree overlaps with a medical degree, which a lot of people don't realise!

Be caring and treat each pt. as though they are a family member – this way you'll always be doing the best you can within your remit.

### What is your favourite part of your job?

Helping to not only relieve patients from pain but also transform their lives; by dealing with their problems, I am able to re-store their confidence which has led to many great things from being able to smile in pictures, to eating what they love again and even going back to work!

It is a very rewarding job.

### What is your favourite memory of Copley?

Meeting my lifelong best friends – all of which have excelled in their line of work, we have all been able to compete for roles/jobs amongst some of the best candidates in the country.