## Bryn Umapalan – Contemporary, Fine Art UK & Destination Wedding Photography



I left Tomlinscote School in 2016 and went on to complete A-levels in Biology, Chemistry and Maths at Farnborough Sixth Form. From a young age, I realised I wanted to work in healthcare and the NHS, and with the help of the careers team at Tomlinscote, and later at College, I found the paramedic career.

After A-Levels, I went on to study 'Paramedic Practice' at the University of Brighton in 2016 and subsequently graduated in 2019. I went on to working as a paramedic in London to now working as a paramedic practitioner within another NHS ambulance service, I am set to be working in primary care (GP surgery) in the near future. Since qualifying, I have also completed several postgraduate courses and had the opportunity to lecture at several universities developing the next generations of paramedics!

The foundations I gained from my time at Tomlinscote School no doubt set me up for my future. The ongoing support of all my teachers and Head of Year at the time (Miss Livesey) inspired me to become the best I could be and continue to develop myself. Whilst at the time I may have felt that some aspects of school were 'boring' or 'monotonous', I think back and realise how much of a benefit they were and glad I listened.

My advice to any student is to grab every opportunity that Tomlinscote gives you with both hands; lean on your teachers for support as they will always have your back; and always strive to be the best you can be!

Be proud of what you have achieved so far and what you will continue to achieve!