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2008 Batch (The best batch in the history of DPS I'm sure)

Achievements after School

College/Uni was when I achieved most in my extracurricular activities owing to the fact that I hadn't delved completely into work life. I was a key part of our 5-a-side football team that came second in our league in all of Manchester in the year 2009/10. I was part of the University XI a side Football-B team (A was for players going pro) as well as an active team member of the Indian Society for the year 2010/11.

I gained work experience in UK, USA, Canada & India to better equip myself with the realities of the hard work required at the ground level. This helped me start my own business - over and above helping my father in his - which I have been running myself for 5 years with consistent and favourable YoY growth and expansion, on track to cross a \$7M yearly turnover mark this year.

Always one to follow my hobby through to the end, I taught myself how to DJ (albeit not for commercial gigs) and now enjoy spreading my love for music in parties for friends and families alike

Contribution of DPS in my growth as an individual

DPS will always hold an immense place in my heart. I remember moving to Ahmedabad and hating everything, from the city to its people to even my school; but I was only 11 then. As time passed I was lucky enough to become friends with many of my fellow students, some of whom I consider to be closest individuals to me in my life today. Life in DPS was the perfect balance of work, growth, play and learning. I probably ran most of my teachers up the wall with my nonchalant attitude and lack of seriousness in studies; but they never gave up on me. I appreciated the leniency they showed in many instances - too many to list down, trust me - which only spurred me to work hard and prove myself when it mattered most in my academics (10th & 12th board exams to be exact haha).

The student teacher relationship I shared in DPS is something I hope and wish my children are lucky enough to grow up with. My teachers always let me be naughty and play pranks, while also showing me where the line had to be drawn. It's easy to get carried away when teachers are nice and lenient; but my gurus definitely found

the right balance with which to nurture the students of DPS; the fruits of which can be seen in my fellow students as well - many of whom who have gone on to do great things and value to society!