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Hi I’m Elle, I’m a Stuartholme graduate from 2005 and I’m currently studying for a PHD in maths at
Oxford University.
So an average day in Oxford generally involves me going into the office. I share an office with two
other post grad students and I’m just generally at my computer working. I might have a seminar with
my group, or a meeting with my supervisor or some tutoring, which sort of breaks up my day.
I mean I love living in Oxford. It’s just a really beautiful town and I’ve met lots of great people and
there’s so much sort of energy and interesting things happening. It’s always really busy. It’s just been
a really fun experience living here.
I think Stuartholme prepared me for coming to Oxford, certainly with a strong maths and science
background that I got at school. And then I think just confidence, and being well spoken, being able
to communicate your ideas for something was always fostered at Stuartholme. I think that’s really
important in science, particularly in male dominated maths areas, it’s good to be able to speak up
and be heard and get your point across.