



PhD Pioneers: The Living Experiences of The Open University's First PhD Graduates

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Professor Bill Morris Interview

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There was no sense of higher education at all in my family, none.

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Well that's really when the first step in this whole evolution of my career changed. Because the majority of my friends and cohort friends that I'd gone to school with actually went to Chorley Grammar School. I didn't go to Chorley Grammar School. I can't give you a reason why I ended up but I ended up going to this thing called, in Wigan. And in Wigan it was called Thomas Linacre Secondary School, Secondary Technical School.

And at the time the Thomas Linacre Secondary Technical School was this new innovation that was going on and it was really, looking back on it now from where I am now, it was what we call STEM here. The science technology and, you know, stuff like that. So there was a real emphasis on science and technology and math and there really wasn't very much emphasis on the social or language side of schools. So it was quite different from the Grammar School in the sense that you had this really strong science focus that was going on.