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<p><b>When I was younger, I wanted to be...</b></p> <p>A paleontologist, a forensic scientist, a teacher or a science communicator, not a consultant.</p>	<p><b>I studied...</b></p> <p>A Chemistry BSc at Warwick (and did an internship in investment banking).</p>	<p><b>But what I learnt...</b></p> <p>That I absolutely did not want to work in a lab or be an investment banker.</p>	<p><b>My first job was...</b></p> <p>Working on the shop floor at Toys R Us. My first graduate job was as a consultant in social housing.</p>	<p><b>What I enjoy about consulting...</b></p> <p>The variation of projects, the people you meet and learn from and the opportunity to have a real impact.</p>	<p><b>I am still learning...</b></p> <p>What I want to specialise in (if anything), the sectors I like best and how to work better with others.</p>	<p><b>When I grow up, I want to be...</b></p> <p>I'm still not sure of this one, I want to keep learning and seeing what I enjoy as I go!</p>
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<p><b>When I was younger, I wanted to be...</b></p> <p>A professional footballer. I still haven't fully given up hope...</p>	<p><b>I studied...</b></p> <p>Microeconomics and French with all kinds of other subjects to make up the credits.</p>	<p><b>But what I learnt...</b></p> <p>Was more about understanding people and building relationships than anything else.</p>	<p><b>My first job was...</b></p> <p>A lifeguard and swimming teacher at a tiny swimming pool in rural Scotland.</p>	<p><b>What I enjoy about consulting...</b></p> <p>Is the variety and helping people solve the problems that keep them up at night.</p>	<p><b>I am still learning...</b></p> <p>All the time! Every day's a school day.</p>	<p><b>When I grow up, I want to be...</b></p> <p>The old guy in the corner of the pub who has the best life stories.</p>
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**HOLLY STALLARD**

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<p><b>When I was younger, I wanted to be...</b></p> <p>A midwife (until I realised I was terrified of blood and needles!).</p>	<p><b>I studied...</b></p> <p>Business and Spanish - I took Spanish up at university. It is never too late to learn a new skill!</p>	<p><b>But what I learnt...</b></p> <p>It's ok to try a few things out before you find your passion.</p>	<p><b>My first job was...</b></p> <p>Working on the tills at Waitrose in my local town.</p>	<p><b>What I enjoy about consulting...</b></p> <p>That you get to work with such an amazing variety of people and there is always a new challenge to be solved.</p>	<p><b>I am still learning...</b></p> <p>Every day! There hasn't been a day since I started working that I haven't learnt something new.</p>	<p><b>When I grow up, I want to be...</b></p> <p>Happy, healthy and well travelled!</p>
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<p><b>When I was younger, I wanted to be...</b></p> <p>An air force pilot until I realised you have to have 20/20 eyesight and I couldn't be further from that.</p>	<p><b>I studied...</b></p> <p>Architecture.</p>	<p><b>But what I learnt...</b></p> <p>The importance of understanding what people really need when it comes to design, not just what they want.</p>	<p><b>My first job was...</b></p> <p>Working on the shop floor at Whittards of Chelsea. The manager I took over from got me my first job out of university. Never burn bridges!</p>	<p><b>What I enjoy about consulting...</b></p> <p>The problem solving, the exposure and the intense learning. You realise you're capable of so much more than you think.</p>	<p><b>I am still learning...</b></p> <p>Everything. The day I stop learning about people and business is the day I'll be very bored.</p>	<p><b>When I grow up, I want to be...</b></p> <p>Say I made choices that contributed to my happiness across my professional and personal life, and made a positive impact on others.</p>
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<p><b>When I was younger, I wanted to be...</b></p> <p>One of the ballet dancers in Billy Elliot The Musical (I still do...).</p>	<p><b>I studied...</b></p> <p>Politics at the University of Edinburgh, with a study year abroad in Australia.</p>	<p><b>But what I learnt...</b></p> <p>Was that trying out different jobs and gaining experience is a massive privilege.</p>	<p><b>My first job was...</b></p> <p>A prison officer at HMP Wormwood Scrubs.</p>	<p><b>What I enjoy about consulting...</b></p> <p>The fact that every day is different, and you are constantly talking to people and gaining new insights.</p>	<p><b>I am still learning...</b></p> <p>So much about different sectors, different industries, myself and other people.</p>	<p><b>When I grow up, I want to be...</b></p> <p>Someone who has tried out lots of different things and found a passion through doing so!</p>
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<p><b>When I was younger, I wanted to be...</b></p> <p>An engineer, a doctor... I didn't have a clear idea, but I wanted to help people.</p>	<p><b>I studied...</b></p> <p>Business and management.</p>	<p><b>But what I learnt...</b></p> <p>Was that helping people doesn't depend on what job you have. Whatever you do, you just need to be the greatest and give your best.</p>	<p><b>My first job was...</b></p> <p>In an ice cream shop at the age of 14. I bought my first phone with my first wage.</p>	<p><b>What I enjoy about consulting...</b></p> <p>"We are the doctors of businesses" - our job enables us to help companies and their employees to be their best.</p>	<p><b>I am still learning...</b></p> <p>Everything. Be curious and never stop learning. I'm currently trying to improve my sustainability knowledge.</p>	<p><b>When I grow up, I want to be...</b></p> <p>An entrepreneur. I want to build a start-up to produce solar energy in Africa.</p>
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<p><b>When I was younger, I wanted to be...</b></p> <p>At 16: a football coach. At 19: a journalist. At 21: a third-world charity researcher.</p>	<p><b>I studied...</b></p> <p>Politics and economics at the University of Southampton.</p>	<p><b>But what I learnt...</b></p> <p>Don't focus on the title of the job, think about the skills you want to use - and that will open many more opportunities.</p>	<p><b>My first job was...</b></p> <p>A receptionist for my local activities club.</p>	<p><b>What I enjoy about consulting...</b></p> <p>The variety of work and being able to get to the heart of problems affecting organisations for the better.</p>	<p><b>I am still learning...</b></p> <p>About myself and personal style, and adapting my experience to different situations which are always slightly different.</p>	<p><b>When I grow up, I want to be...</b></p> <p>Able to pass on all the good advice and support that I've been fortunate to receive.</p>
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<p><b>When I was younger, I wanted to be...</b></p> <p>A pediatrician (until I realised I don't like blood!).</p>	<p><b>I studied...</b></p> <p>Economics and finance at the University of Southampton.</p>	<p><b>But what I learnt...</b></p> <p>Is to focus on what I enjoy/am passionate about. It makes work/studying easier.</p>	<p><b>My first job was...</b></p> <p>A community affairs assistant at Lloyds of London.</p>	<p><b>What I enjoy about consulting...</b></p> <p>Is the different types of clients I get to work with across various industries, and seeing the impact of my work.</p>	<p><b>I am still learning...</b></p> <p>About my strengths, skills and interest. You don't have to have everything sorted by a particular age!</p>	<p><b>When I grow up, I want to be...</b></p> <p>The owner of a social enterprise that helps young people from achieve their goals.</p>
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