

#Monthllymotivation: Anoushka Mehta (class of 2010)



Anoushka has incredibly fond memories of her 14 years at Putney and credits the school with her ability to thrive in the face of adversity.

What have you done since leaving Putney?

I started working at HSBC 5 years ago, straight out of university. I completed the graduate programme in London and then moved to the New York office to take on a position in the Public Sector Banking team within the Investment Bank. I have been working there for the last 3 years, and am a Vice President in the same team.

What do you do as part of that role?

In my current role I am the global relationship manager for all supranational clients in the Americas region, including the likes of the [World Bank](#) and [IMF](#). I support these institutions by helping them meet their key priorities around financing development projects in emerging markets as well as working on innovative initiatives around sustainable finance e.g. around climate change, renewable energy, gender equality.

What do you enjoy about your role?

I have particularly enjoyed the travel and have been lucky to have had the opportunity to visit interesting parts of the world such as Latin America where I have been able to try put the Spanish I learnt at Putney to good use (thank you Ms Coate and Ms Holl!!!)

What else have you got involved in at HSBC?

I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to contribute to "Balance" - HSBC's Gender Parity Group. I have also helped launch an initiative called "Coaching Circles". The genesis of the initiative is to use the HSBC network to give women the opportunity to build a strong set of skills, whilst expanding their peer network and engaging in meaningful dialogue with senior management.

What do you think inspired you to launch this initiative?

Putney instilled a very core value in me of wanting to promote gender equality in everything I do. As such, I have started to work on initiatives with our clients to understand how we as an institution can better contribute to gender equality.

How have people responded to Coaching Circles?

We've been very lucky with the support we've received from participants and senior management to get this off the ground. It's been running for one and a half years now and it is being rolled out in London and Hong Kong as well.

How do you think Putney helped you get to where you are today?

I remember my time at Putney with great fondness. I was encouraged to face life with confidence and courage but most importantly to push myself out of my comfort zone and to thrive in the face of challenges which has been invaluable in my day to day life.

Tell us about the US GDST network that you have started to build?

Over the years, I have recognised the strength, camaraderie and loyalty associated with the Putney and GDST networks. I have had the privilege of meeting a few alumnae since leaving Putney; their accomplishments in several fields are truly impressive but what has always struck me most in their ambition, approachability and humility. As such, we are working on building out a GDST network in the US in order to foster more of these interactions. Stay tuned for the first event!