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Education has been a central pillar in my upbringing with my parents ensuring I got every opportunity to enhance myself.

Playing cricket on the weekend for Yorkshire County CC was the highlight of my youth and now I endeavour to do the same with my two little ones encouraging them into a range of different activities. During the week it is school and extracurricular activities and, on the weekend, it is football, cricket and swimming. For a healthy and holistic upbringing physical activity is vital for young children.

My eldest has been a great role model for his little sister and she is nicely fitting into the mould we have created at home.

Training to be a pharmacist has allowed me to explore many topics and avenues when it comes to biology, physiology, psychology, chemistry and pathology (the list goes on). However, practising this in a clinical setting in various pharmacies and GP practises, tailoring the advice and information learnt for individual patients is always a challenge. Each patient has varying capacity to understand and absorb information, therefore using language which is 'user friendly' is essential. I bring experience and knowledge related to health and wellbeing be it physical or mental.

Team work makes the dream work and it wouldn't be justice if I didn't include my wife's pivotal role in all this. We have discussions and are on the same page which creates a nurturing environment. Social Studies and evidence show happy homes lead to happy children who in turn thrive and flourish compared to children who aren't in that environment.

I'm part of various charities and know the importance of male representation in our schools and how that can positively impact children, to see a male role model within their educational environment.

There are many ways I feel I can contribute to this role and hopefully I can get the opportunity to shape the future of the kids at Greenmount. I have always had a desire to be involved in some way where I can contribute towards the education of children. Apart from teaching I guess this is one way I can be involved in creating a brighter future for our next generation.