

Miss Jackson's Autobiography



Key information:

Hi, my name is Miss Jackson and this is my autobiography. In it, you will learn about exactly who I am! Before we get started, here is some key information you should know:

Birthday: 4th December

Living location: York

Family: Mum, Dad, 3 brothers, 1 sister

Born: West Cumbria

Pets: 1 hamster

Cumbria

As a young child, I was born in and grew up in West Cumbria.

It is a beautiful part of the country and I am very lucky to have lived there! I lived very close to the sandy beaches which was brilliant as it meant I could go there often with my friends and family. One of my best memories at the beach was spending a weekend at my friend's house with 2 other friends. The four of us built a huge sandcastle, dug a deep hole and ate pizza until it got dark. Luckily, it was a scorching hot weekend and the glorious sun was shining down on us the whole time. That is a memory I will never forget and is somewhere I still love to visit today.

Whenever I go home to visit my friends and family, there is a special place I love to go. It is called Wasdale and it is where the tallest mountain in England is (Scafell Pike). The deepest lake in England also lives there (Wast Water). Sometimes, if you go when the weather is nice and it hasn't been raining much, a small island appears in the middle of the lake which has steppingstones leading up to it. I love to jump across them and try to reach the island. It's my favourite place in the world!

Cumbria on a map
of England



University and my job

In 2016, I moved from West Cumbria to York to train to become a teacher at York St. John University. It was terrifying but so exciting. I had never moved to a new house before so it was a big change for me. When I got there on my first day, I met the four girls I would be living with. I was so relieved to meet them; they were all really friendly and we became close quickly. In fact, we were such good friends that we all chose to live together for the full three years of University. That doesn't happen to many people, we were so lucky!

At University, I joined two clubs. One was a club that rehearsed and performed musicals and the other was the running club. I am so glad I joined these two groups, they allowed me to make so many friends and meant I could do things at University other than study.

Throughout University, I got to perform in three musicals – Legally Blonde, Footloose and High School Musical. They were all awesome and allowed me to learn new types of dancing and singing styles.

In Legally Blonde I played Elle Woods, in Footloose I played Rusty and in High School Musical I decided to take a dancing role and be a cheerleader. They were all great fun to perform in and be a part of!

My hobbies

As you have previously read, I enjoy performing and running. A couple of years ago I set myself a challenge over summer to run 5 kilometres a day for a whole month for charity. It was one of the hardest things I have ever done. In total, I ran a total of 155km (96 miles) and raised over £1000 for Cancer Research UK.

Another great hobby of mine is I also love to play football. I have played for a few different girls'/women's teams in my local area. To be honest, we were never very good and we usually lost but I honestly didn't care. It was fun! I loved playing football and my teammates were all so funny, every match was a good match. I wish I still played football now sometimes, for now I'll just have to challenge the children in the playground!

When I was about 15, I really wanted to start to learn an instrument. My brothers all played guitar and drums so I decided to pick up a guitar and have a go. I remember at school in music, we were writing our own songs. We had to come up with lyrics and accompany those lyrics with music too. My music teacher was amazing. She was an intelligent, kind, caring woman who was also extremely talented when it came to music. She could play instruments I'd never even heard of before! My music teacher inspired me to learn to play the guitar so I could add music to the lyrics I had written. Thanks to Miss Harris, I've been playing guitar and singing ever since.

My family

I have a very big family. As a child I probably would have told you it was TOO big! My Mum and Dad moved to West Cumbria from Scunthorpe when they were in their early 20's so they could raise a family and live in the countryside.

As I mentioned earlier, I have 3 brothers and 1 sister: Matthew (29), Katy (27), Mark (25) and Tom (20). We all get on well now but that was definitely NOT the case when we were younger....

I'm sure that when I was about 7 years old I drove my big sister CRAZY! I was always borrowing (stealing) her clothes and belongings, I constantly copied her (so annoying) and followed her everywhere. Now that I look back, she was just someone who inspired me; however I can imagine for Katy it was VERY annoying.... Oops.

Tom is my little brother, he is only younger than me by 18 months so we were quite close. Our parents say we used to be inseparable! Even though he is a school year younger than me, we often were in the same class because our school was small. However, when we argued it was like an earthquake was happening. We must have driven my older brothers and sister mad!

Now that we're all older, we don't argue at all. We have grown up and love meeting up together as a big family. It doesn't happen very often, but when it does, it's my favourite time of the year!