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I spent most of my working life in Sales and Marketing in the Energy Industry, including a 6-year spell as Sales Director of Amerada Hess Gas Ltd based in central London. Over the past 15 years I have been Sales Director of a small company called Total Energy Controls based in Stoke on Trent, who manufacture and market energy saving controls for commercial, industrial and domestic central heating boilers.

I graduated with a bachelor's degree in Politics and International Studies from the University of Southampton back in 1982, with a lifelong interest in politics and international affairs. In early 2017 I embarked on a career change, becoming a teacher of English to foreign students and qualified with a CELTA from British Studies Centre, Oxford, and latterly completed a Trinity TESOL course in the teaching of pronunciation and phonology. Since then I have taught regularly at Newbury Hall School, and am presently building my own private client portfolio - teaching professional adults from overseas working in the Oxfordshire and Berkshire areas. This will cover recruits from abroad at various level within the NHS and Social Care, as well as specialist engineering sectors reliant on professionals from overseas.

I shall continue to enjoy my role in educating youngsters from all over the world with the dedicated Academic Literacy team at Newbury Hall School.