

## **Vixy Rae**

(Attended 1979 -1991)

### **Studies:**

Photography HND; 1- year Fashion Course & Pattern Cutting

### **Career history:**

Previous Owner/Creative Director of Odd One Out Ltd/Dr Jive s Ltd/ Oddities Clothing Ltd.

Brand manager/Designer at Walker Slater; Current Owner of Oddments Ltd & Stewart Christie & Co Ltd.

Author of - The Wee Mouse Tails

### **Favourite memory of your time at the school?**

Looking b a c k it was the s imp le thing s that meant the most. I think being allowed my very own candle, on my desk at advent was one of my earliest memories . But overall the friendships which were forged along with the supportive 'family' nature of the classes was something which has stayed with me, as at that point in my life I ne e d e d some foundations to build from. Needless to s ay the school trips broadened my mind, as did the art and drama classes.

### **Most useful lesson/hardest learnt lesson while at school?**

The most useful lessons learnt stay with you your whole life, from art and Philosophy through to Eurhythmy and language, I learnt communications and morals , which I have used in my life and a little my books . The hardest thing learnt, is only really seen in hindsight; when you are young you find a lot to complain about, about the school and about the lesson , but an education is the journey that shapes and strengthens us and the hardest lesson is you never stop learning.

### **What have you taken with you into your life and work from the school?**

My creative journey, and my passions always seem to s tart with colour. Now working with fabric, my love of: tone, hue and texture is echoed through my creations and designs . I learnt the value of natural fabrics and craftsmanship, from s tart to finish, always looking locally to source both cloth and makers. I find beauty in all aspects of my creations and not just the obvious visual one s, the meaning and ethic behind the work means so much too.

**If you could do it again what would you do differently?**

I have few regrets, but I would have read more, listened more and taken part in the foreign exchanges. My only real regret is that I didn't have the confidence to go and study and experience another one of our sister Steiner schools abroad like a lot of people in my class did, going away for a year abroad. But now I realise that I just needed to feel safe and happy in my school years and craved the security of the school I knew so well. I didn't have a big family network and that's why the school became more like my family.