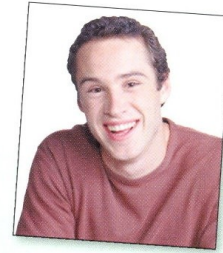


PRACTISING VOCABULARY

- 1 Read these notes on a British student's education. How many schools did Robert Bradbury attend?



Name ROBERT BRADBURY
Date of birth 20.02.1980
1984-85 Wimbledon Nursery School
1985-91 Hampstead Primary School
1991-98 Attended various secondary schools. Parents wanted to send me to public school, but fees too high. So for first five years went to West London Comprehensive (passed GCSE exams there). Then two years at Ealing Sixth-form College (got four good A-levels = good opportunities for higher education). Considered art school/drama school, but decided on university.
1998-2001 London University, Faculty of Law - graduated with First Class Honours Degree in International Law.
2001-2002 The European Business School - gained a post-graduate Masters in Business Administration.
2002-present Oxford University - studying for a Doctorate in Business Law.

- 2 Write these words in the correct column.
Use the notes to help you.

secondary school university doctorate drama school A-levels diploma honours degree
business school art school comprehensive public school nursery school sixth-form college

The English education system

Level of education	Educational institutions	Entrance requirements	Qualifications obtained
Pre-school (less than age 5) optional	_____	None, but there aren't enough pre-schools, so it's difficult to find a place	NONE
Primary age 5-11 compulsory	Primary school	Based on where you live (entrance exams for some public-sector and private schools)	NONE
Secondary age 11-18 compulsory to age 16	_____ _____ _____	Based on where you live (entrance exams for some public-sector and private schools)	GCSE exams _____
Tertiary age 18-21/22 (but you can study at university as a mature student at any age) optional	_____ _____ _____	Based on results in secondary-school leaving exams. Some institutions also have interviews and entrance tests.	_____ _____
Post-graduate over age 21 optional	_____	You need an excellent qualification from your university (e.g First or upper-second Honours degree).	MBA _____

- 3 Work with a partner. Describe how the education system in England works.
 4 Find a new partner. Compare the English system to the educational system in your country.

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