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Thabo Ngwenya

Since leaving St Thomas More, I went on to study Physiotherapy at university, where I developed a strong interest in how healthcare systems operate and how innovation can support better patient outcomes. I began my career in the NHS as an MSK Practitioner, working hands-on with patients and collaborating with multidisciplinary teams. This experience gave me a real understanding of the daily challenges faced by clinicians and highlighted the need for technology that truly empowers healthcare providers and improves the patient journey.

I later transitioned into the Medical Technology industry, driven by a passion for healthcare innovation and the business strategy behind delivering new technologies into hospitals. I completed a graduate programme with American MedTech leader Hologic, gaining experience across product management, marketing, commercial strategy, and clinical education. I then moved into a commercial role with a UK health technology company, managing and growing their business across the South of England while partnering with clinicians and healthcare providers to deliver high-quality care solutions.

PROFILE:

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JOB: Clinical Solutions Specialist

SUBJECT studies: BSc Physiotherapy

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I now serve as an International Clinical Solutions Specialist at Orthofix, supporting the clinical strategy, market access, and global growth of our enabling technologies business. My role focuses on expanding our presence across Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and other emerging markets, ensuring clinicians around the world receive the highest level of education and support. One of my proudest career moments was partnering with the NGO CURE International to introduce our technology in Ethiopia, enabling them to be first centre to offer radiation-free complex spine surgery in the country. With nearly half the population under 15 and a significant percentage affected by spinal deformities, this initiative gives children access to life-changing care that they would not otherwise receive.

While commercial success and international expansion are key parts of my role, my personal mission is rooted in impact. As an African who was fortunate to have access to opportunities, I am driven to ensure that medical advancements reach underserved communities around the world. I am grateful that my work allows me

to help make that difference every day. In addition to this, one of the best parts of my job is that it lets me travel and see the world while doing what I love. I get to explore new places, meet amazing people, and experience a wide variety of cultures. This year alone, I've been to over 20 countries across four continents – and it's been an incredible adventure every step of the way!"

It goes without saying that I owe a large part of my success to the education, values, and experiences I gained at St Thomas More, which laid the foundation for my career and personal growth.

A quote I live by is by Lydia M. Child: 'Belief in oneself is one of the most important bricks in a successful venture'