WEIGHT DROP 12st 5lb to 9st 5lb TOTAL LOSS **DRESS SIZE DROP** 3st 14 to 8

## WHY I LOST WEIGHT

In 2019 I was at my heaviest and I had extremely low self-esteem.

One morning I stepped on the scales and the number that glared back at me took my breath away.

While I believe people can be healthy at different sizes, I knew I wasn't healthy – or happy.

### HOW I DID IT

I prioritised three meals a day, consisting of veggies or fruit, a protein source, a slow-release carbohydrate, and some healthy fats.

This kept my energy levels up and significantly reduced my cravings for sweets or savoury snacks.

I added some movement into my day, aiming for a ratio of 80:20 healthy eating and exercise to nonhealthy eating and rest.

I worked on my mindset first, then nutrition and exercise followed.

### HOW I KEEP IT OFF

I adopted healthy lifestyle habits, including better sleep hygiene, managing stress levels, and lowering alcohol consumption.

I surround myself with a positive support system and practiced mindful eating.



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NOW

## AMANDA'S DIET BEFORE

Breakfast: Cereal and a spoonful of Nutella, or bagel with cream cheese and a full-fat latte Lunch: Chicken salad sandwich with a frappuccino, or burger and chips Dinner: Fettuccini alfredo, or macaroni & cheese Snacks: Protein bar, ice cream, toast with peanut butter or jam . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

## AMANDA'S DIET AFTER

Breakfast: Protein yoghurt bowl with berries & granola, or porridge with banana and peanut butter Lunch: Salmon fillet with salad, avocado toast with halloumi Dinner: Tiger prawns with rice & steamed veg, or chicken with baked sweet potato and salad Snacks: Fresh fruit, veggies with hummus, Skyr or Greek yoghurt, rice crackers with peanut butter 

## **EXERCISE ROUTINE**

Walking, 5km runs, spin class, strength training, yoga

#### WHY I FEEL FABULOUS

My energy levels rocketed, my sleep has never been better, and I'm much more mobile.

Achieving my weight loss goals enhanced my selfesteem and body image.

## MY WEIGHT LOSS TIPS

Never eliminate anything totally. Reward yourself for the small wins.

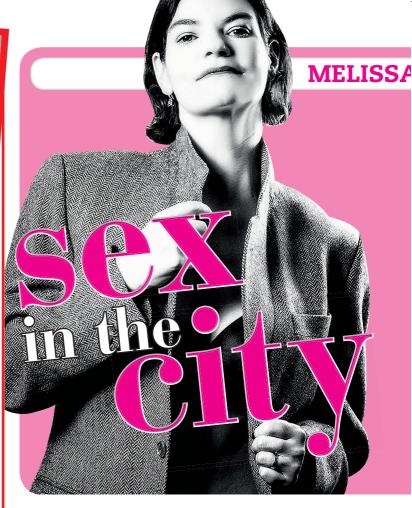
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# Britain's Most Haunted

The Dolphin Hotel in Southampton boasts a stunning Georgian frontage.

It's one the most eyecatching architectural gems on the city's main



The hotel has always been a stopping-off street. point for the great and the good.

- Former visitors include William Makepeace
- Thackeray, who wrote part of his famous work Pendennis while a guest in 1850. Jane Austen was another author who
- took advantage of the hotel's facilities and attended a ball there.
- But the premises also has its very own ghost, Molly. A popular cleaner at the hotel, Molly died in undetailed and mysterious circumstances.
  - She is to be seen in the early hours drifting around the corridors just above the ground. A cold chill is said to be left behind by her presence.