



GATEWAY SCHOOL
GREAT MISSENDEN

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What attracted you to the role at Gateway School?

I was initially attracted to Gateway because part of the school's vision is that education is not just about academic success, but also about building a foundation that gives each child the confidence and skills they need to fulfil their potential. When I first arrived at Gateway, I was met by an extremely welcoming environment. I loved the community feel, and how every pupil is met with a hand shake at the start of the day. It was at this point that I knew Gateway was exactly where I wanted to be, and I am extremely excited to get started in September.

What skills and experience can you bring to Gateway School?

I have been at my previous school for three years, and during this time I have gained vast knowledge and experience in teaching and coaching young people. As well as leading teams to success, I also hold a countless number of successful strategies that ensure all pupils enjoy Physical Education. I believe I can bring a great passion for my subject, enthusiasm to teach to the very best of my ability and a drive to ensure success and enjoyment in the subject are as high as they can be.

Why did you decide to become a teacher?

Growing up, it was always my dream to become a teacher. My mum and auntie are both teachers, so I used to enjoy going in during school holidays and helping them with displays and tidying up their classrooms before the start of a new year.

I have had horses all my life and growing up I worked at a riding school. In my early teenage years, I used to take 1-4 year olds on a 'tots-trot' ride, where they learnt the very basics. In my later years, I became a riding school instructor and feel this is where my passion for educating others really started. I loved the buzz of seeing people achieving and learning something new.

What's the best thing about being a teacher?

The best thing about being a teacher is the opportunity to positively influence an individual's future. It's a great feeling knowing that I am able to impact on someone's success and confidence, and seeing that journey happen. As a PE teacher I am lucky enough to spend a lot of time with the pupils outside of the classroom at fixtures and sports training. This is vital in developing positive working relationships. I also love the fact that every day is different in teaching.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

I partake in regular exercise and love to spend quality time with both family and friends. I have been a keen horse rider all my life. I competed as a showjumper from a young age and have competed all over the country.

During a gap year before starting my undergraduate degree, I travelled to Spain to compete internationally. I no longer compete, however I really enjoy looking after horses and riding in my spare time. I also swam from a young age, and competed at club level. I now really enjoy swimming for leisure in my free time.

I have played netball for many years, and take pleasure in being part of a team. During my years as a player, I have captained teams and, as a result, know what it takes to drive a team to success.



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