



Keith Clark, Head of Sport and PE

What attracted you to the role at Gateway?

I was immediately attracted to Gateway school when I opened the website and the opening line was that the core belief was about education not being just about academic success. This holistic approach to education ties in with my own philosophy of teaching and learning. I am excited about the position and helping pupils achieve their potential in both PE and school sport.

What skills and experience can you bring to Gateway?

I grew up as a games player through school, playing sports such as football, basketball, badminton, table tennis as well as many more. I trained as a teacher in Staffordshire and worked there for the first 5 years of my career. The following 3 years I moved to the UAE where I was a pastoral leader and head of the Sport International Baccalaureate course. When I was younger, I was very lucky to have an outdoor pursuits' teacher and in the latter years of secondary school I began rock climbing and some mountaineering. I have since qualified as a climbing instructor and mountain leader. I have a firm belief that these types of activities can enrich a childhood and provide valuable experiences for later in life.

What's the best thing about being a teacher?

Making a positive impact on young people's lives is by far the greatest part of being a teacher for me. Encouraging and supporting young people to become individuals who have the courage to push outside their comfort zone and try new experiences to help enrich their learning

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

It probably comes as no surprise that I enjoy climbing during my spare time, along with taking my family for walks in the country or joining friends for longer treks in the mountains of the Lake District, North Wales or Scotland. Some of my most memorable experiences are trekking through these regions at night as part of my mountain leadership qualification