



- **What made you want to work at Bow School of Maths and computing?**

I had visited Bow as a Literacy consultant, working with staff on how to teach boys with English as an additional language, working with students in delivering workshops in preparation for their exams, and in bringing authors to school.

- **What is your role?**

I am one of five Assistant Head teachers. My main role though is to improve learning in lessons.

- **What does your job entail?**
 - 1) Training teachers about strategies they can use in class to improve learning.
 - 2) I work with Ms Morris in ensuring Year 11 are prepared for their GCSEs.
 - 3) I also work with Ms Davies in ensuring all Gifted and Talented pupils are being stretched in class and are involved in projects such as the Rothschild programme of mentoring.
 - 4) I oversee Literacy. This involves working with the LSU in developing reading programs, working with the Library in booking author visits for all year groups and creating book boxes in all form groups, and working with teachers in developing strategies in class.
 - 5) I work with Ms Binns on the Aim Higher project (a scheme will helps pupils find a path into university through visits to university campuses, residential summer schools, master-classes and open days, and mentoring schemes.
 - 6) I also line manage Humanities and Citizenship, working with Ms MacKreth, Ms Binns and Ms Kera-Lyes. Part of this role supports the student council and ensures pupils voice their views in 'Good Morning Bow'.

- **What is the most rewarding thing about your job?**

Seeing the pupils improve and achieve their targets.

- **What is your favourite book?**

I have so many that it's hard to give one. I absolutely loved Stephanie Meyers 'Twilight' series, though I don't think the movies are very good. I also love Carlos Ruiz Zafon's 'The Shadow of the Wind' series. In terms of authors for the boys, you can't beat Chris Wooding's 'Malice', Jeff Kinney's 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' series, Derek Landy's 'Skullduggery Pleasant' series and Dan Freedman's Jamie Johnson series. I'm just getting into Steve Feasy's books.

- **Who inspires you?**

My dad. He was a perfectionist in everything and never did anything half heartedly.

- **If you could invite 3 famous people for dinner who would you choose and why?**

Nelson Mandela. He overcame adversity, negotiated change, all the while conveying peace. He didn't become bitter but pursued positive solutions to the world's problems. The other two would be Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt. I think Angelina has done a lot to help poverty stricken countries, using her star power. I think Nelson and Angelina could lead change in the world. Brad would be there just so I had someone nice to look at!

- **What do you like to do in your spare time?**

1. Read!
2. Run or play any sport. I use to play Ultimate Frisbee but I hurt my back so badly last year that I had to take a week off school. I've only played once since then for fear I'd take myself out again.
3. Visit art galleries, especially Tate Modern. It opens your mind.
4. I love photography.

- **Tell us a secret about yourself.**

Well it wouldn't be a secret if I told you!