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TEACHER PASSPORT



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Shakespeare Class
Class Teacher

What hobbies do you enjoy?

I enjoy reading and spending time with my son, Ellis. When I have some free time I like drawing and painting.

I enjoy travelling – which is a rather expensive hobby!

Do you have any pets? If not what pet would you like?

I don't have any pets – I used to have three cats but I had to re-home them as my son has an allergy to them!

What three words would describe you?

Creative
Approachable
Professional

What do you like best about being a Teacher at Harpenden Academy?

I'm looking forward to working with a fantastic teaching team and amazing children!

What were your favourite subjects at school?

I really enjoyed the creative arts; I also enjoyed English and Geography.

What are your favourite subjects to teach?

I love teaching Mathematics and English – the children I teach and I get really enthusiastic and excited about what they're learning!

What is your favourite book and why?

My favourite book (as an adult) is *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. I think it's beautifully written and it made me cry near the end!

As a small child, my favourite book was *Dogger* by Shirley Hughes. The story is very heart-warming as Dave's big sister helps him!

What is your favourite place in the world and why?

This is a hard question to answer!

I like New York because it's busy and vibrant! I like the Caribbean because of its beautiful beaches and climate. I like Paris because it's romantic and has beautiful architecture but I think my favourite place in the world is at home with my family.

What did you want to be when you were younger?

When I was really young I wanted to be a cowgirl however as I got older I wanted to be a children's television presenter!

What made you want to become a Teacher?

I had some really inspirational teachers when I went to school who embedded a love of learning I continue to have today. I decided to become a teacher because I wanted to give and nurture that curiosity to children.

What is your favourite food?

My favourite food would have a Mediterranean theme to it. I really like the freshness of how Greece, Italy and Spain cook!

What is your least favourite food?

Although I've just said that I like Mediterranean food – I really dislike olives! I do keep trying them, on occasion, to see if I still don't like them but always end up with the same conclusion – yuck!

Who is in your family? Do you have any brothers or sisters?

I have a son, Ellis, who is 3 and his Dad. I have a Mum and Dad, two sisters and a brother. I am the oldest sibling. I have one nephew who is five and I am about to become an Auntie again as my youngest sister is about to have her first baby!

If you were on a desert island what two things would you take with you?

I think I would take Ellis and his Dad (I hope that counts as one thing – family!) and an Ipod or MP3 player to listen to music and audio books with!