



Past and Present

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WHICH SCHOOL DID YOU ATTEND AS A PUPIL, AND WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO WORK IN OUR TRUST?

I attended Guardian Angel's R.C. Primary School and St. Gabriel's R.C. High School, they are both places that had a huge impact on me growing up. Even as a child, I always dreamed of working in education – I was the one setting up 'classrooms' for my teddies and teaching them after school. As I got older, I realised how much the staff and the school community had shaped my confidence and values.

After working in a wonderful school that embodies Catholic values for over 25 years I wanted to work with schools on a larger scale. That's why working within the Trust felt like the perfect fit for me. I wanted to be part of an organisation that shares those same strengths: a commitment to children, a focus on community, and a genuine belief in helping young people achieve their best.

WHAT WAS IT LIKE RETURNING TO WORK SUPPORTING YOUR FORMER SCHOOL?

Returning to support my former school has been a really special experience. Walking back through the doors – this time as someone helping behind the scenes – felt both nostalgic and meaningful. There's something unique about supporting the same place that supported you.

It's been incredibly rewarding to contribute to a school that helped shape who I am, and to know that the work I do now plays a small part in helping today's pupils have the same positive experience I did.

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WHAT'S BEEN A PROUD MOMENT FOR YOU SINCE JOINING THE CENTRAL TEAM?

One of my proudest moments before joining the Central Team has been stepping into the role of Executive Head and supporting a school to achieve a wonderful CSI inspection outcome. The result reflected the dedication and hard work of the staff, pupils, and governors, and it was incredibly rewarding to see their efforts recognised. Being part of that journey felt like a real expression of our Trust's mission to Make Christ Known and Make Lives Better, as the inspection highlighted the strength, compassion, and faith-led culture lived out daily in the school community.

Alongside this, since joining the central team, I'm equally proud of the work I've contributed to across the Trust to refine procedures and strengthen our practice. Knowing that these improvements help schools feel better supported, lighten workloads, and enhance the experience of both staff and pupils is hugely fulfilling. Every positive change – whether big or small – feels like a step towards making lives better across our Trust family.

DO YOU WORK WITH ANYONE WHO KNEW YOU WHEN YOU WERE A PUPIL?

Yes! I do work with a few people who remember me from my school days. It's always lovely when old connections pop up – it creates such a warm sense of continuity.

It's funny to think some colleagues knew me when I was much younger, and now we're working together in a completely different way. It really highlights how strong the relationships within the Trust community are. Mrs Davies from Guardian Angel's went to St. Gabriel's with me. Mrs Hadfield from St. John Fisher went to University with me. I taught some colleagues also (yes, I am that old); Miss Grime (St. Gabriel's) Miss McQueeney (St. Joseph & St. Bede), Mrs Shaw (St. Joseph & St. Bede) to name a few.



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