



Past and Present

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WHICH SCHOOL DID YOU ATTEND AS A PUPIL, AND WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO BECOME A TEACHER?

I went to St Joseph's as a pupil. I wanted to be a teacher for as long as I can remember. I remember lining up dolls who would be my class and spending hours writing out a register. I was always inspired by the amazing teachers I had at St Joseph's, who always made learning exciting, engaging and fun! Their enthusiasm and dedication left a lasting impression on me and played a huge part in shaping the teacher I am today.

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

St Joseph's is such a special place to work because of the community that surrounds it. I feel so lucky to be able to teach and inspire the next generation of the community that raised me.

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

I am really passionate about Art and Design, so becoming the art lead and organising a school 'recycled' fashion show was amazing. Seeing our whole school community come together to celebrate Art was incredible!

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

Yes - our deputy head, Mrs Gore, was one of my Year 6 teachers. Some of our teaching assistants are parents of my school friends - and my auntie is a teaching assistant at St Josephs too!

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