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Q&A

Interviewed in 60 seconds



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Deputy head

Q Why did you decide to become a teacher?

A I worked at Outdoor Education with children in the USA and really enjoyed the experience. I decided to use my degree and trained to be a Geography teacher.

Q What is special about Hollygirt?

A At Hollygirt everyone knows your name. There is always lots going on and people are very friendly.

Q What was the impact of boys joining the school last year?

A At Hollygirt we look beyond gender to ensure all pupils achieve their potential. Boys have fitted into this ethos very well. Yes we play a little more football but the girls are more than a match for the boys on this front.

Q What sort of things do you get up to in your spare time or at the weekend?

A I am a keen rugby union player (although not very skilful). I enjoy cooking and make a mean chilli and curry.



Q What is your favourite place in Nottingham?

A Our very own White House garden on Elm Avenue. It is a real urban oasis, close enough to hear the bustle of the city but with a really tranquil atmosphere. Five minutes here relaxing can seem like an hour.

Q What is your favourite part of the job?

A Working with young people offering guidance and support is very rewarding and means that no day is ever the same. One moment I could be helping to iron out a friendship problem. The next I could be observing a colleague teach and the following second I could be off on a Geography trip to Dorset. I never get bored.

by Peter Blackburn