

Personal Profile:

I am a qualified and experienced English and Media Studies teacher with over 24 years of expertise in secondary, further education, and international teaching. Passionate about delivering engaging, student-centred learning, I have developed strong skills in curriculum design, fostering critical thinking, and supporting learners in achieving their academic potential. Adaptable and highly motivated, I strive to implement effective teaching methods, maintain safeguarding standards, and create inclusive classroom environments. I hold a full enhanced DBS on the update service and am open to new opportunities, including relocation.

Key Skills:

- Good at planning, preparing, organising and timely delivery and meeting deadlines.
- Communicate and explain at all levels and to different abilities.
- Able to put in effect current new regulations and policies.
- Introduce and implement new working practices.
- Record keeping and monitoring.
- Able to adapt quickly to changing situations and resolve them successfully.
- Good at motivating and inspiring others to achieve objectives and getting the best out of them.
- Using initiative to take the correct course of action.
- Able to discern issues before they get beyond control.
- Recognise the need for and seek assistance when necessary.
- Microsoft Office and Google Applications.
- In-House Data Systems

Education & Qualifications:

09/24 - 10/24: Information, Advice & Guidance, The Skills Network TQUK
02/22 - 03/22: Introduction to British Common Law, University of London
04/09 - 04/09: Certificate in Makaton Sign Language, Leicestershire
09/02 - 08/03: Post Graduate Degree in Education with Qualified Teacher Status, London
04/00 - 04/00: Trinity Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language, London
09/96 - 08/99: BA Hons' Degree in Communication Studies with Spanish, London
1991 - 1992: City & Guilds Trade Certificate in Travel & Tourism, Leicestershire
1990 - 1991: BTEC Diploma in Business & Finance, Leicestershire
1983 - 1990: 12 GCSEs & Business Administration, Leicestershire

Teaching Experience:

Teaching students how to read, write and speak English to GCSE, AS & A level DFE standards.

I have taught and delivered Edexcel, AQA and WJEC specifications in English Language, English Literature and Media Studies at GCSE, AS & A levels. With text and data-based sources of language, teaching students English in its various forms and contexts, with the concepts and methods appropriate for the analysis of language underpinning all elements of the syllabus. Engaging students to develop a wide range of skills by applying a variety of assessment styles such as data analysis, discursive essays, directed writing, original writing, and research-based investigative writing. These include critical reading, data analysis, evaluation, the ability to develop and sustain arguments and different writing skills.

Teaching Duties:

- Teaching English Language, Literature and Media Studies from Entry Level to KS3, KS4, KS5.
- Helping pupils to define and identify types of verbs for second-language English speakers.
- Planning, preparing, and delivering lessons to English and Media classes in film, radio, and print.
- Conducting up to six classes and managing over 150 students a day.
- Recording and monitoring students' attendance and results
- Marking work and giving appropriate feedback to pupils.
- Devising and writing new curriculum materials.
- Preparing pupils for external examinations, such as GCSE and A-level.
- Managing pupils' behaviour in the classroom and on school premises.
- Administering examinations.
- Teaching and tutoring in school and Online.

Teaching Achievements:

Provided a classroom presence and contributed to the positive ethos of the school. I motivated students to become more responsible by displaying or showing them my energy, vision, creativity, and passion for learning.

At Highbury Grove, School, Islington, which had been a failing school, against all the odds, I achieved the highest Media Studies GCSE results in the borough, in only my first year after qualifying as a full-time teacher.

I have a commendation from Arsenal Football Club as recognition for improving the literacy and numeracy of the children from local primary school which I did voluntarily. I worked for the Costa Rican Ministry of Education and recorded my voice onto CDs used by all language learners in Costa Rica to learn and speak English.

Employment History:

01/20 - Present: Key Stage 3 & 4 English Teacher – Supply Agency, Sussex - Supply Teaching

05/21 - 12/21: International Student Admissions - Study Group – Brighton.

Effective processing of student applications and related materials to meet Service Level Agreements, primarily Acceptances, Confirmations and CAS for the UK operating division.

11/20 - 04/21: Davison High School for Girls, Worthing, Sussex – GCSEs and A levels.

01/20 - 10/20: COVID/Pandemic/Unemployment & Relocation

06/18 - 12/19: Advisor at Citizens Advice Bureau: Providing information, advice, and client support.

Helping people find a way forward with the problems they face, and campaigning for changes to unfair policies and practices.

01/18 - 08/18: Sessional OLASS Lecturer: Milton Keynes / People Plus, HMP Leicester Literacy, Numeracy, Life & Employability Skills. Helping prison learners to achieve Level 2 qualifications and further skills in preparation and re-integration with society after their release.

09/15 - 12/17: Supply Teacher: Key Stages 1 to 5 Teaching Agencies, Midlands

01/16 - 12/17: Sessional English Lecturer: Bournville FE, Birmingham

- GCSE English Language: texts from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries. Each text studied represents a substantial piece of writing, making significant demands on students in terms of content, structure, and the quality of language, across a selection of genres and types. The texts included literature extended literary non-fiction, and other writing such as essays, reviews, and journalism (both printed and online).
- A' & AS Level component: Voices in Speech and Writing/ Varieties of English Language & Literature Teaching methods based around group discussion and lecture-centred learning. Coursework sessions in workshop style.

09/13 - 08/15: Teacher of GCSE English & Media: Blue Coat C of E School, Coventry

GCSE English Language & Literature Coursework and Exams

09/07 - 08/13: Supply Teacher of English & Media Studies, London & Midlands.

Key Stages 3 to 5: GCSE English Language & Literature Coursework and Exams

A' Level English Language, Literature and Media Studies

09/06 - 08/07: Teacher of English Language, Literature & Media Studies

The Ridings High School, Bristol

GCSE English Language & Literature Coursework and Exams

A' Level English Language, Literature and Media Studies

09/05 - 08/06: Teacher of IGCSE & A' Level English Language & Literature

British School of Gran Canaria, Spain & Costa Rica, Central America

IGCSE English Language & Literature Coursework and Exams

A' Level English Language and Literature

09/03 - 08/05: Teacher of GCSE English, Media Studies & Literacy Skills

Highbury Grove Secondary School, Islington, London

GCSE English Language, Literature and Media Studies Coursework and Exams

1992 - 1996: Other Education, Training & Employment, Overseas Work, Volunteering and Travel

Interests:

I am fluent in Gujarati and English, and I speak Spanish at a conversational level. Currently, I am learning French. I have volunteered long-term in the UK, USA, and Costa Rica. My interests include rambling, salsa, keeping fit, yoga, meditation, swimming, and reading. I am insured to practice with the Association of Therapists and enjoy providing holistic treatments. I love exploring new cultures, enjoying live music, and backpacking abroad. Additionally, I am a member of the Ramblers Association.