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• D.O.B: 03/ 10/ 1975 • Age: 38 • Nationality: British

• Marital Status: Married, 1 child (F, DOB 19/03/2009)



As an innovative, multitalented and motivational educationalist with 10 years' experience in the international independent sector, I use cutting-edge strategies and technology in the classroom to encourage students to become independent, risk-taking thinkers and passionate, practical 21<sup>st</sup> Century learners.

## Professional Experience

**Teacher of English IB Middle Years Programme/ IB Diploma Programme, Head of Film** August 2013 to date  
Emirates International School – Meadows, Dubai (3 – 19; IB World School, NOR 1500)

- Planning, writing and delivering new materials at MYP (English and Film) and IBDP (English Language and Literature), including designing topic-specific rubrics and learning resources for MYP courses, incorporating use of e-learning platforms, project and inquiry-based learning, flipped classrooms and blended learning. EIS-M continues to teach IGCSE alongside the MYP.
- Responsible for the initiation, planning and setup of Film as part of the Middle Years Programme Arts curriculum (starting September 2013), based on twelve years in Media and Film teaching in both Dubai and the UK.
- Developing IB Film programme as part of the school's IB World School status.
- Additional responsibility: Y10 tutor.
- Other projects: TEDx Youth@EISM, Middle East Film and ComicCon (MEFCC, Education) and Dubai Rugby 7s and Dubai Duty-Free Tennis (Student Journalism).

**Head of Film Studies and teacher of Drama** August 2010 to June 2012  
The English College, Dubai (11 – 19; National Curriculum for England and Wales, NOR 750.)

- Film Studies (post-16), Drama Teacher (KS3).
- Responsible for the planning, implementation and maintenance of A level Film Studies. 100% A\* - A grade pass rate at A Level in Summer 2011, 100% A\* - C pass rate in Summer 2012.
- Teaching Drama, year 7 - 9, covering a variety of topics, based upon twelve years of Drama teaching experience both in Dubai and in the UK.
- Other projects: Dubai Rugby 7s (Student journalism).

**Head of the Media and Film Studies Department** August 2005 to June 2010  
Wellington International School, Dubai, (3 – 19; National Curriculum for England and Wales/ IBDP, NOR 2000.)

- Group leader for English, Drama and Media, then Head of Media and Film department (the first in the UAE).
- Set up Media and Drama departments. Initially responsible for Drama at KS3 and GCSE.
- Developed IB Film programme as part of the school's IB status, and supervised Extended Essays for Film in the IB.
- 25% of all students in Year 13 at WIS in 2009 went on to study Media and Film-related courses at university or institutes of higher education.
- Additional responsibility: Y13 tutor, with extensive UCAS application and reference writing experience.
- Other projects: Work with Dubai International Film Festival volunteer programme (2005 and 2006)



## **Second in Department, Media Studies, and Teacher of English**

**September 2001 to July 2005**

Beacon Community College Crowborough East Sussex TN6 2AS UK (11 – 19; NOR :1850)

- Second in department, GCSE Media Studies and Film Studies – GCSE to A Level, in charge of GCSE Media Studies (2005).
- Teacher of English (KS3 to A Level Literature).
- Key Stage 3 coordinator for English (2003).
- Other experience: Co-/assistant director/ vocal coach for school productions.
- Additional responsibility: Advanced mentor with ITT/NQT coordinator on programmes for trainee and newly qualified teachers.

## **Full-time Teacher, English, Drama, Music, ICT**

**September 1999 to July 2001**

St Wilfrid's RC High School Old Horsham Road Southgate Crawley West Sussex UK (11 – 19; NOR: 900)

- Teacher of English – KS3 to A Level Literature, also responsible for A/S Level Key Skills communication.
- Teacher of Drama with responsibility for Key Stage 3 Drama.
- Teacher of Music - Key Stage 3, Teacher of ICT - Key Stage 3.
- Other responsibility: Special Educational Needs link for Drama and Music.

## **Education**

### **PGCE (Secondary. Main subject: English)**

**September 1998 to July 1999, full-time**

University of Sussex Falmer Brighton

### **Bachelor's Degree BA (Hons) English Literature with Music**

**October 1995 to June 1998, full-time**

University of Hertfordshire (Wall Hall) Aldenham Watford Herts

Upper Second Class BA (Hons) English Literature with Music.

### **Secondary Education**

**September 1992 to June 1995**

St Wilfrids School Crawley West Sussex

A Levels in English Literature (A), Law (A), Film Studies (A, 2005), French and Theatre Studies. Special paper, English Literature (Merit).

GCSES in English and English Literature (A,A), French (A), RE (A), Science (B,B), Geography (B), Music (B) and Maths (C).

## **Skills and other training**

### **ICT SKILLS**

High level of ICT and Media literacy across both Mac and PC platforms, including Microsoft Office and iWork, as well as high-level still and moving image software such as Final Cut Pro X and Adobe Creative Suite.

### **TRAINING AND PUBLICATION**

Most recent:

I Think therefore iPad training and conference (September 2013).

IBDP English Language and Literature training (2012).

Professor Guy Claxton on Building Learning Power (2011).

Paul Ginnis on Teaching and Learning (2011).

Published author for MediaEDU.co.uk. and Middle East Film and ComicCon.



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