

Teacher Profile



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Mr Davidson



Mr Davidson joined Gateways in 2022 as a PE/Games teacher and Head of KS4 Pastoral Care and Discipline. He teaches PE, religious studies and geography in High School.

What made you want to be a teacher and have you always been a teacher?

I was raised in a family where both my parents were teachers, so education was always a big part of my life. I remember how special it was to have both of them off during the holidays. Teaching came naturally to me - I've always been outgoing, confident, and a natural leader, qualities that were further developed through my involvement in sport. Becoming a teacher always felt like a natural path for me.

In my first year of teaching, I was offered the role of Behaviour Manager which incorporated the pastoral side of teaching. Much like teaching, the pastoral aspect of the role came naturally to me. My dad was heavily involved in pastoral care and served as Deputy Head with a focus on behaviour and culture for many years. I suppose I'm a product of both nature and nurture.

What are your favourite things about working at Gateways?

Gateways is a brilliant place to work, with a fantastic team in a stunning setting. The children are some of the kindest you could hope to work with. Plus, the food is outstanding!

What kind of things does being a pastoral lead entail and what do you enjoy most?

Being a pastoral lead involves a wide range of responsibilities, at its core, it's about supporting pupils in their personal development and wellbeing. I really enjoy helping pupils learn how to help themselves, guiding them to grow as individuals. It's incredibly rewarding to see them overcome challenges and flourish both academically and personally.

What was your favourite subject when you were at school and why?

Obviously I loved PE, but I was also passionate about history and physical geography. I also enjoyed English in Year 10 mainly because of the teacher whose love and passion for the subject made it engaging and interesting. It showed me that, regardless of the content, the delivery can make all the difference in a lesson.

What is your favourite book?

The 48 Laws of Power is a truly eye-opening read. The quality of the book is excellent, and the detailed examples set it apart from the concise version.

Do you have someone who has inspired you (or is still inspiring you)?

Several people have deeply inspired me, shaping who I am and how I approach life. Among them is my Latvian Grandad, whose incredible journey exemplifies resilience. Forced into a Hitler Youth camp as a teenager, he surrendered at 16, fled to England, and arrived in Liverpool alone with little more than determination—wearing one black shoe and one brown shoe. Through hard work and perseverance, and against all odds he built a fantastic life for himself, leaving a legacy of ambition.

Another constant source of inspiration is my dad. His simple yet powerful daily reminder, "Do your best" remains my guiding principle.

Fun fact

Mr Davidson has played semi-professional rugby since age 17, representing both Yorkshire and Latvia. He also plays Premier League cricket for Settle in the Northern Prem. Outside of sports, he's a proud husband and father and enjoys cooking, exploring history and keeping his body young with saunas and ice baths!