



CAREER PROFILES

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Find out where a career at Shelley College could take you...





Lucy Sykes

Assistant Principal for Teaching and Learning, Performance Management and CPD

Joined Shelley College in September 2006 as Head of Girls PE

What attracted you to working here?

Shelley College is a well-known outstanding school in the local area and I was offered a promotion to my then role as a PE teacher.

What do you enjoy most about working here?

The students are motivated, there is a team ethos amongst the staff and there are excellent CPD opportunities to further my career.

How have you been supported during your career with us?

I have been supported through relevant CPD and opportunities – for example, I have held an Excellent Practitioner role, I have been a Specialist Leader of Education and I have taken part in the Aspiring Senior Leaders Programme.

Can you tell us about a key accomplishment during your career with us?

A key accomplishment was becoming an Assistant Principal in 2017.

If you could go back to your start date, what one thing do you wish you'd known about working here?

The photocopy room code.

What advice would you give to someone starting their career with us?

If in doubt, ask!



Greg Wadsworth

Director of Sixth Form

Joined Shelley College in September 2011 as a Teaching Assistant

What attracted you to working here?

The school was close to where I was living at the time, had an excellent reputation within the local area and I had a family member who had worked at the school and was very positive about their experience during their time working at Shelley.

What do you enjoy most about working here?

Working with young people. It sounds simple, but the enjoyment and satisfaction I gain working with students from various backgrounds, with an array of personalities is a brilliant thing; seeing them achieve, mature and enjoy their time at Shelley is really fulfilling.

How have you been supported during your career with us?

I have been supported tremendously. As a non-teaching staff member I have progressed from my Teaching Assistant role, through a role in the Pastoral team, to end up becoming Director of Sixth Form, something I know few schools would be willing to offer.

Can you tell us about a key accomplishment during your career with us?

A key accomplishment has been the combination of completing the MBA qualification whilst stepping into a senior role as Director of Sixth Form. Working full-time and completing the MBA was extremely challenging, however, I felt the guidance and support offered by my own team as well as Senior Leaders made completion of the qualification and challenge of taking on my first senior role far less stressful than it may otherwise have been.

If you could go back to your start date, what one thing do you wish you'd known about working here?

How much support I was going to get in developing my career, as it would have given me a great deal of confidence when stepping into my first role. If I had known this, I would have been more confident in approaching people and asking for support.

What advice would you give to someone starting their career with us?

Make the most of the opportunities available to you. Working in schools is challenging but hard work is definitely rewarded at Shelley College. Enjoy the time you spend as a staff member here, as we have great people that make this a very enjoyable place to spend your working week.



Sam Crowther

Senior IT Technician

Joined Shelley College in July 2014 as an IT Apprentice

What attracted you to working here?

I was attracted to the job as I had a strong passion for IT and as an ex-student I was already familiar with the school. I knew that there were opportunities to grow and that the school would support me through this.

What do you enjoy most about working here?

I enjoy the challenges the most. It is mentally tasking and involves plenty of problem solving. I am able to manage large projects on the one hand whilst being able to troubleshoot other issues on the other, which ensures that every day has something different in store.

How have you been supported during your career with us?

I have so far completed a Level 3 apprenticeship and am currently undergoing a Level 4 apprenticeship. I have been supported greatly with this as I have required time off site to complete different work and have had to balance work alongside my studies.

Can you tell us about a key accomplishment during your career with us?

A key accomplishment that I have achieved is getting to the job role I am in now. I have managed to gain a promotion through determination, hard work and support from Shelley College.

If you could go back to your start date, what one thing do you wish you'd known about working here?

I wish I'd have known how seamless it would be to transition from being a student to a staff member. All the staff are friendly and welcomed me greatly into the team. I am now able to mentor other staff members and show them the ropes too!

What advice would you give to someone starting their career with us?

I can only suggest that you embrace your first few months as much as possible. Get chatting to as many people as you can, seek help when needed and you will settle in in no time.



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