



Full Circle

The Weekly Newsletter of St Bees School

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It's official!

All schools are inspected by Ofsted within their first year but we were still a little surprised to get the call just six weeks after we opened, and even more so when we realised that Ofsted thought we were far longer established, much bigger, had pupils in all year groups, and already had significant numbers of

boarders! Inspectors were here on site for three days just before October half-term during which time they checked every aspect of school life: observing lessons; checking planning and procedures; talking with pupils, parents, staff, and members of the Board; and checking the suitability of facilities. It is never easy going through such an inspection, so we were

delighted when Ofsted reported back in such very positive terms. Not only are we officially 'GOOD' (after only six weeks) but they found us to be 'GOOD' in all respects with 'all independent school standards met'.

The inspection is a validation of all the good work being done by so very many people: pupils,

parents, staff, trustees, the OSBs, and friends of the school alike. It is great to be able to work together and achieve together: we are St Bees School!

You can read and download the full report on our website:

www.stbeesschool.co.uk/ofsted-report/

Mr Gareth Seddon,
Headmaster

Meet the Teachers - Ms Pink



Tell us a little bit about yourself.

My background is in journalism and teaching. After completing my degree in English and Drama at Edge Hill College, I decided to pursue a career in journalism. I went on to study for a postgraduate qualification in Magazine and Book Publishing at Watford College where I learnt about every stage of the production process from initiating the copy to printing off the finished product. Equipped with the all round knowledge I gained from this course, I landed an editorial role on a

ski magazine where I was responsible not only for writing stories, but for selecting images and designing pages. I eventually found myself moving north and training to teach English.

What inspired you to start teaching?

On returning to the north west of England, I started working for local newspapers as a senior reporter. It was during this time I was invited to deliver a few classes at the local further education college as part of a journalism course they ran. I enjoyed the experience so much that I decided that, at some point in my life, I would go on to teach English. The opportunity to pursue this arose while I was living in Manchester where I took a postgraduate teaching qualification while working as a freelance journalist.

What excites you about St Bees School?

St Bees School caught my eye when I read a news story about the school opening with the support of Full Circle. I felt very drawn to the international ethos of the new school with its fusion curriculum and plans for the future. Even before I learnt about St Bees School's plans, I had already reached the conclusion that the best education that could be offered in UK schools was a blend of eastern and western educational philosophies. When the opportunity to teach English and Drama at St Bees School arose, I felt compelled to apply. With its progressive outlook, I see it as a unique opportunity and I am delighted to be part of such a committed and passionate team at St Bees School.

Is there anything else you would like us to know?

I like to meet people from other cultures and have a particular interest in Asian culture; I even taught for a period of time in Singapore.

I am a bell ringer and vice-chair of my Parish Council. I have a passion for writing and directing, and recently directed a play for Penrith Players which was performed at Theatre by the Lake on 20th October and again in Penrith on 26th October.

