

Meet Our Staff

I have been working at Buile Hill Academy for over ten years. My role when I started was a level 2 teaching assistant supporting SEN pupils. The school provides me with many opportunities to develop my knowledge by providing excellent CPD training, the skills I have learnt helped me to progress successfully into becoming a nurture co-ordinator. I provide support for pupils who have social and emotional needs and give the necessary help to remove the barriers to learning.

Members of the senior leadership team always provide support and guidance and I feel extremely proud to be part of the Buile Hill family, and a very supportive team in the learning support unit that make a positive contribution to all our students.

Karen Kenyon
Nurture Coordinator



"For the past 11 years I have been a teaching assistant as part of the Learning Support Unit which provides help for special needs pupils. I guess what attracted me to the role was the thought of making sure, as part of a team, that all pupils have as much access to the curriculum as they possibly can to play out their potential and bring out their natural talents. It's definitely been an ongoing learning curve as it's the variety of different pupils and their complex needs that keeps you on your toes. You constantly have to be flexible and maybe even learn from your mistakes as one size will never fit all.

For myself the most rewarding part of my job is to see how kids evolve as they work their way to year 11. To see their social skills come on is as important in many ways as their academic achievement and grades for me.

More recently myself and a colleague have done some biking trips during which, a different side of perhaps a child will emerge. We always note the deafening silence as previously lively lads see the steep banking of the Velodrome at Sport City for the first time. That is pretty impressive as their chins drop and there's a total hush as the instructor fills them in on what to expect and what to do.

Onwards and upwards as you can't stand still in this job."

Graham Robinson
Teaching Assistant



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Working at Buile Hill Academy has proved to be an exciting and enriching experience for me. My background was working in a mixed comprehensive school for 5 years where I did my NQT year and progressed successfully as Assistant Head of Science. My role when I started here last year was as "Key Stage Leader" in Science. Within a few months I was privileged to be successfully promoted as 'Assistant Head of Science' and at the end of last year was successfully given the opportunity to be 'Head of Science'.

The past year at Buile Hill has allowed me to develop myself both 'personally and professionally'. I now feel part of the Buile Hill family and it's a nice place to work with colleagues and members of the senior leadership team always ready to provide their support. Buile Hill provides various CPD opportunities to all staff and is always striving to develop leaders in the school. I am very proud to be part of the team making a positive contribution to our students'.

Zahira Bhamjee
Head of Science.

'Last September I started as an NQT at Buile Hill Academy and have had a fabulous year here. I am incredibly lucky to have such supportive mentors around me, who support with every aspect of the school day. I regularly attended meetings with the other NQTs, Deputy Heads and the Headteacher who always encourages and supports us. Being part of the MFL department I was lucky enough to go on the residential trip to Paris. The pupils were outstanding and it was a brilliant experience to gain extra responsibility. I am very excited to see what the future holds for me here at Buile'.

Katie O'Leary
MFL

