



I am the Head of School for North Ridge School, and I have worked in education for over 13 years. I started my journey into special needs by teaching swimming at a school for profoundly disabled children. This ignited my passion for going into teaching and remaining in the special needs sector. I became a qualified teacher in 2015 and spent 3 years at Heatherwood School before coming to North Ridge Community School.

I joined North Ridge in 2018 in a secondment position as a leader of learning, becoming a substantive Assistant Headteacher. It's fair to say North Ridge captured my heart, and I had the desire to support the school to improve. I became Deputy Headteacher at North Ridge in 2021, where I was responsible for the Quality of Education and focused on developing the whole school curriculum. In 2022 I became Head of School, where I continue to develop the whole school's quality of education and teaching and learning.

I am passionate about SEND pupils living full and exciting lives and believe it is our job as educationalists to provide pupils with the foundation to live full adult lives. North Ridge's curriculum, co-designed with all stakeholders, holds this vision true. It is our job to plan for the future through exciting learning opportunities that are inspirational and personalised (FLIP).

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