



Harpenden Academy  
Education for a changing world

## TEACHER PASSPORT



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**Dr Seuss Class**  
**Class Teacher**

**What hobbies do you enjoy?**

I'm very sporty- I'm always active- and I regularly go to the gym. I also enjoy running and ran the London Marathon in 2016. When I was younger, I did a lot of gymnastics, which is something I still enjoy. You may catch me doing a handstand in the park! Recently, I started ballet, which has been challenging but I've really enjoyed learning something new. At the weekends, I like to bake or take my puppy, Millie, for a walk.

**Do you have any pets? If not what pet would you like?**

Yes- we recently welcomed a new puppy into our home! Her name is Millie and she is a Cavapoo. She is very loving and playful!

**What three words would describe you?**

Energetic, passionate and caring.

**What do you like best about being a Teacher at Harpenden Academy?**

Helping children to become great learners and giving them the confidence to try new things.

**What were your favourite subjects at school?**

Maths and PE were my favourite subjects- I spent most of my time in the sports hall!

**What are your favourite subjects to teach?**

English, because I love sharing stories and reading children's creative writing; and PE because I like to inspire children to get active! I also enjoy teaching maths, particularly problem solving.

**What is your favourite book and why?**

Matilda- I've loved Roald Dahl books since I was young.

**What is your favourite place in the world and why?**

That's a difficult question because I've been lucky enough to do quite a lot of travelling! Australia is probably my favourite; I travelled there during my gap year. It was one of the best experiences of my life so far. Watching kangaroos hop down the road in front of me was quite a sight!

**What did you want to be when you were younger?**

A florist- giving flowers makes people happy!

**What made you want to become a Teacher?**

I used to teach gymnastics and seeing the children progress, succeed and grow in confidence was extremely rewarding.

**What is your favourite food?**

Cake! All kinds but it must be gluten free- I'm a coeliac.

**What is your least favourite food?**

I eat all kinds of fish but I'm not keen on other seafood!

**Who is in your family? Do you have any brothers or sisters?**

I got married in January 2020 to my husband, James. We live in Harpenden together with our puppy, Millie. My favourite thing to do is spend time with my family. I'm lucky that a lot of my family live close by. I have another dog, Skye, who lives with my parents, and a younger sister.

**If you were on a desert island what two things would you take with you?**

Trainers to go exploring and a camera to take photos.