

Post16 Education Support Officers

Vicky Crompton BA (Hons) and PGCE



I am a fully qualified teacher with over 10 years' experience teaching Art and Design alongside Humanities and ICT in mainstream secondary schools. Within my teacher training I was given a placement at a Young Offenders working with vulnerable groups aged 14-19 and have been part of the Aim Higher team that mentors students from deprived backgrounds for University. I hold a Level 4 TEFL certificate and Level 3 certificate in Supporting Students with Dyslexia. I have a firm belief in a 'Student Centred Learning' and that my role as a VSK Post 16 Support Officer should be to advocate their voice and needs for whatever pathway they choose to follow into employment or education.

Jade-Amora Fray

I joined Virtual School Kent as a Post 16 Support Officer in April 2016! Before I began work at VSK, I was a Learning Support Assistant at a secondary school where I worked with 14-19 year olds and it was here I gained a wealth of experience working with young people! Outside of work, I'm a musician and obtained my qualifications in Music Performance at Canterbury Christchurch University 2008-2012 (with a little gap in the middle to have my son). I have volunteered in a number of youth sectors and more recently have become very active in church ministries and events! I believe that every person has a right to be educated! If you want it, it's yours for the taking. Can't and won't is never an option!



Sam Sharkey



Having started my professional career in finance and HR I have spent the last 7 years working in Education and this is where my passion lies. I previously worked in a large Secondary school before joining the VSK team 18 months ago. I absolutely love working for VSK and within the Post 16 team. We all work extremely hard to ensure all our young people are engaging and achieving to their best of their abilities. I am extremely enthusiastic and proactive to help our young people and I enjoy seeing them thrive through education and beyond.

Robert Sparks BA (Hons)

I joined VSK in November 2016 and have enjoyed being part of a passionate team. In my role I support care leavers aged 18-21 who are not in education, employment or training. I am also involved with the VSK young adult's council (YAC) which gives young people an opportunity to voice their opinions and share their experiences. I really enjoy the challenges of the role and the variety of the young people that we work with. In the past I have worked in a secondary schools and colleges, mainly to support young people with special educational needs. I also have lots of experience in sports coaching and most of my weekends are spent playing Cricket, Golf or Tennis!



Catherine Burton



For the past seventeen years I have specialised in working with offending behaviour and challenging behavioural issues with resistant learners from the age of 17 years plus. I love seeing people make positive changes in their lives, accepting responsibility for their actions and moving forward especially when life may have become a bit chaotic. In 2013 I completed my MSc in an area of Psychology which was challenging yet rewarding and I learnt a huge amount about my capabilities as a person. I have a Certificate in Education and I am a Level 5 qualified Coach. I realise how short life can be and I don't do stress; I choose to handle life with a relaxed attitude and 'can do' approach and I'm extremely excited to be the newest member of the VSK Post 16 team.