

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.

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.



Tracy Hunt



I hold a K201/Open University qualification in “Working with Young People” and Level 3 NVQ in “Health and Social Care”. I have vast experience of working with young people of varying ages including young offenders, 121 work, group facilitation, working closely with education providers in various educational settings, support and youth work within the community, multi-agency working, substance misuse, domestic abuse, working with young people that have presented with challenging behaviour and difficult to engage – I really enjoy a challenge! I believe that everyone should be given access to education and encouraged to reach their personal goals in life, although sometimes this may be supporting a young person to look at things a little more realistically and achievable, advocating for young people where appropriate but always encouraging the young person to speak for themselves and ensure they are heard.