

KS4 Progression Advisor

Paula Howe – South Kent



Joining VSK in January 2016 as a Progression Adviser to Year 11 is a further culmination of both Recruitment and Educational Placement skills. I have spent many years in the recruitment industry, managing a thriving branch profit centre covering Canterbury, Thanet and surrounding areas. In later years I joined an independent London agency as a Senior Recruitment Consultant to the Media and Design Industry. With children at school age I quickly became immersed as a teaching assistant in primary and secondary vocational subjects. After a few years I transferred to work with year 10's as their work placement co-ordinator and more recently I was an Employability Skills Co-ordinator for a thriving local sixth form college. Liaising daily with students, educators and community groups I provided measurable work placements and promotion of employability skills required for a rewarding career pathway.

Leigh Knell – East Kent (Thanet)

Karen Wood – East Kent (Canterbury and Swale)



I originally joined VSK in October 2015 as a year 11 Progression Adviser covering North and West Kent. However due to moving house I transferred over to the East Kent team in January to cover Canterbury and Swale. I was a nurse for approximately 21 years working mostly within the NHS and towards the end of my nursing career I took up a post at the Rochester Secure Training Centre for young offenders where I contributed to the daily wellbeing and health education of the young people. This is where I discovered my passion for working with young people. Since leaving the Secure Training Centre I have worked for Connexion's as a Health Adviser / Sexual Health Adviser and at a Girls Grammar school as the learning support manager supporting the students from year 7 up to year 13.

Tyler Johnson – West Kent

I joined VSK in November 2017 as a KS4 progression officer for West Kent. Prior to joining VSK I completed an honours degree in Criminology and I worked in a mainstream secondary school as a learning coach/ teaching assistant, supporting children from Year 7 to 11. My main role at the school was to support children in an alternative education provision. During my time in this post, I also worked as a tutor for children in care. I supported these children with their course work and exam revision for their GCSEs. I really enjoy supporting CIC and decided to join VSK so I could help them to fulfil their potential.



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