

Katherine Smith - TTS Student: 1994 - 1999

Current role: Head of Year 7 at Telford Priory School

Career pathway:

After leaving Thomas Telford, I worked as a dancer in the UK and Portugal, spent four years working in a legal practice and then completed a degree in Dance Practice and Performance. I then trained to be a teacher through the West Midlands Consortium and progressed to become Head of Dance at Wrockwardine Wood Arts Academy. I now work at Telford Priory School as Head of Expressive Arts and Year 7 Transition Manager.

I am married to Kenny Smith, who is also a former Thomas Telford student and have a son Isaac.

Advice for students:

Live first! Don't do school, uni and teach - you don't know enough to be able to inspire a generation if you have never lived outside of the safety of education. Life is education. Travel, read, work in a many roles as you can. Know what it means to graft - you call on this a lot when teaching secondary!

Plans for the future:

I would like to move into an Assistant Headteacher role, possibly in safeguarding and/or develop my expertise in special educational needs.

Best memory of your time at Thomas Telford?

Trying to beat the one way system! English lessons with Ms Williams, History with Mr Ryde and French with Miss Corser. Those teachers still inspire me today!

