

# 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.

**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.

**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!

**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!

