

Your Magna Staff Snapshot on...

Hannah Ridge

Head of Years 8 & 9/Teacher of PE



Background and Experience

Growing up in Dorset has given me a passion for exercise and the outdoors. Sailing in the European championships, held in Poole, and representing England in the u21 Volleyball team have been two of my greatest sporting achievements to date.

From a young age I have always wanted to pursue a career in teaching. After qualifying as a teacher in 2016, I decided to take the plunge and move to London to start my teaching career. The last five years I have spent working in Tower Hamlets, East London. Working in two particularly challenging schools, I quickly recognised the relationship between high quality pastoral care and academic achievement. As such, in 2017 I became Deputy Head of Year and in 2018 Head of Year.

I am incredibly excited to have relocated back to Poole where I plan to continue working with the Pastoral team and PE department at Magna Academy to raise attainment and improve student outcomes.

My Starting Date

September 2021

My New Role and Responsibilities at Magna Academy

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Three Values I Hold Dear

- Perseverance: People who become very successful have undoubtedly failed more often throughout their lives than many others have even tried. It is easy to quit, but perseverance pays off.
- Resilience: Strive to be flexible, go with the flow, and bounce back after things don't go your way.
- Challenge: Facing challenges allows you opportunities to thrive and push yourself beyond what you once believed to be your limits to accomplish things and make progress.

My Favourite Educational Quote

"If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it. If you don't ask, the answer is always no. If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place." (Nora Roberts)