

Profile

I am a self-motivated, intelligent individual with a logical approach to solving problems. I have worked as a teacher in both the independent and state sector, and have experience researching and writing publications for a range of think tanks, consultancies and professional bodies. My most recent project involved spending time in the schools of six 'top-performing' education systems, observing lessons, interviewing teachers, students and policy makers, and I am currently writing a book about my experiences, which will be published in October 2016. I have excellent communication skills, adapt well to different situations and enjoy new challenges.

Qualifications

- 2011-2013 **University of Cambridge**
MEd in Politics, Development and Democracy in Education (Distinction)
- Masters thesis on "Head teachers' Perceptions of Autonomy in Academies"
- 2009-2010 **Christ Church Canterbury**
PGCE (Distinction)
- 2005-2008 **University of Oxford**
BA Experimental Psychology and Philosophy (2:1)
- College Scholarship awarded for distinction in 1st year.
 - First class (75%) final year dissertation on 'Empathy and its relation to aggression in children and adolescents'.
- 1999-2005 **St James Independent School for Girls** (deputy head girl)
A levels: Physics (A), Maths (A), Biology (A), Philosophy (A)
GCSEs: 10A*s, including Sanskrit

Career history

- 2013 - 2014 **Inside Classrooms Project**
Researcher and author
- I arranged extended visits to schools in six 'top performing' education systems; Finland, Canada, New Zealand, Japan, Singapore and Shanghai. I observed lessons, and interviewed teachers, students, parents, principals and policy makers to better understand how each system worked and what the UK could learn from them. I wrote a successful blog which has an international readership, and am currently writing a book about my findings. I regularly present at education conferences on my research.
- 2013 - 2014 **National Education Trust**
External Consultant (part time)
- Researched effective use of the pupil premium in Warwickshire schools
 - Run focus groups and interviews with headteachers, staff and students
 - Written a well-received report for a county council on behalf of NET.

2012 – 2013 **CfBT Education Trust**

External Consultant (part time)

- Worked on an internal project to facilitate the identification of intellectual property and company capability, and the mapping of this with market opportunities, in order to help develop the various business units.
- Contributed to CfBT's response to an Ofsted consultation, and to a research review of international best practice in educational provision for young offenders.
- Researched low cost private schools in developing contexts and put together a presentation for the website which profiled four case studies of school chains. Presented the findings to senior members of the organisation.

2009 - 2012 **Teach First Participant**

Secondary school science teacher and Head of Psychology

- Successfully completed the Teach First Leadership Development Programme
- Developed leadership and interpersonal skills through teaching in a challenging environment and liaising with parents and colleagues.
- Promoted to Head of Psychology in NQT year. This developed my people management and problem solving skills, as I mentored other staff and was responsible for 60 students' A-level grades.
- Achieved the best Psychology results in 8 years last summer.
- The department achieved a 'good' overall in a recent review, and my Psychology teaching was graded as 'outstanding'.

2008 - 2009 **Hillingdon Manor (Independent all-through Special School)**

Teacher and Assistant Psychologist

- Taught a range of GCSE subjects to autistic children, and developed and tracked progress towards Individual Education Plans for students in my form.
- Worked with educational and clinical psychologists to deliver programmes.
- Reviewed and redesigned the referrals system to make it more efficient.

Publications

"Teacher career structures: international perspectives" for IIEP UNESCO (upcoming).

"A postcard from.." blog series for the **NET** on top performing education systems.

Contributor to "Frontline: Improving the children's social work profession" for **IPPR**.

Contributor to "Breaking Down the Barriers" for **Teach First**, presented at Challenge 2012 conference.

"Low cost private schools: Four case studies" for **CfBT** Education Trust.

Contributor to "Improving outcomes for young offenders: an international perspective" for **CfBT**

"School autonomy and accountability: International Evidence" for **ASCL**

Speeches

"The National Standards and Teach First" – National Standards conference, Burlington Danes

"System Structures for System Leadership" – Great Education Debate seminar

"What is active learning? An international perspective" – NET seminar, Garth Hill College

"A teacher's perspective on teacher appraisal around the world" – Educate Services Conference

"Assessment around the world" – The Key Conference on Assessment

"What does the international evidence really tell us?" – ResearchEd New York

References available upon request
