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Title: Teacher of English

School: Nishkam School West London

My route into teaching:

After studying English at Leeds University, I had quite specific ideas about my future career. I wanted the chance to use, and develop, the subject knowledge I'd gained. It would need to be something creative, where I could be imaginative and try new ideas. And I wouldn't be sitting in an office: I wanted to be busy on my feet, talking and thinking and interacting. That all explains why I decided on teaching! I worked in Leeds after training and I've been teaching in London since 2010.

Why I love my job:

Whatever subject you teach, the two best things about this job are working with young people and working as part of a team. Students never lose their capacity to surprise you, and nurturing them in your subject is the great privilege of being a teacher. And of course there's the daily opportunity to immerse myself in literature and hopefully share some of my passion for English.

Why Nishkam:

The opportunity to grow a new department, with a new curriculum, from day one of a new school, doesn't come along very often. Once I'd learned more about the Nishkam philosophy it was impossible to turn down. It's exciting to know that we're establishing a school for the future.

Next steps for me:

Making English at Nishkam a successful, challenging and nurturing experience for all our students now and in the years to come, and to bring a great team of English teachers together to make that vision a reality!