



DOWNSEND
SCHOOL

Inspiring Young Minds

NEW TEACHER FEATURE

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Who are you and what will you be teaching at Downsend?

My name is Mr Gardiner and I will be teaching Art and DT.

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What did you do before joining Downsend?

I have been a teacher in other schools and I also worked at the National Portrait Gallery.

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What/who inspired you to go into teaching?

The education department at the NPG - they looked like they were all thoroughly enjoying their job! I'm looking forward to joining Downsend - I'll be teaching something I absolutely love in a new and exciting environment.

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Describe yourself in 3 words

1. Too
2. Much
3. Tea

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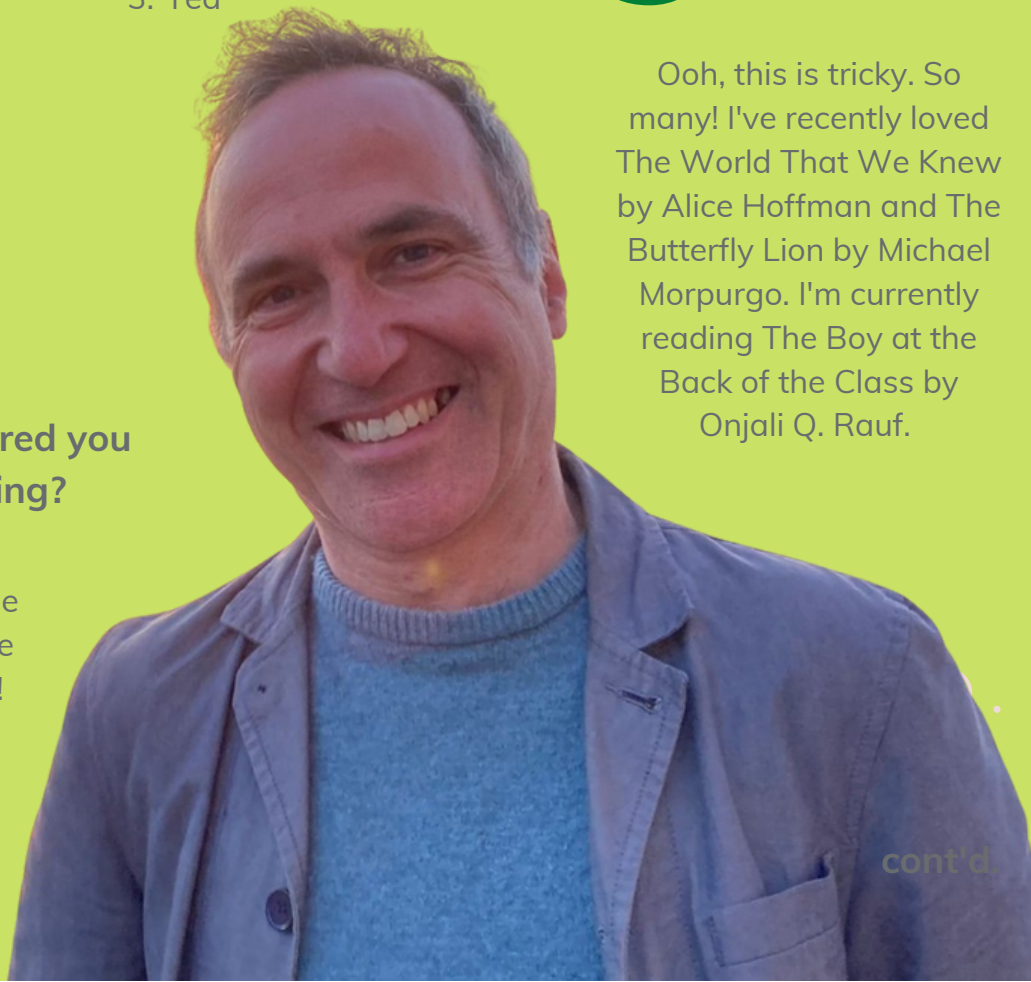
What would your superpower be?

I'd like to understand animals. Imagine chatting about the world with your pet lizard or a giraffe.

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Favourite book/s of all time?

Ooh, this is tricky. So many! I've recently loved *The World That We Knew* by Alice Hoffman and *The Butterfly Lion* by Michael Morpurgo. I'm currently reading *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q. Rauf.



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If money was no object,
what would you have in
your classroom and why?

An observatory attached to the classroom
to study the stars and planets.

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Tell us a funny fact
about you



Once, at a funfair, I had a
dodgem duel with Eric Clapton

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Is there a quote or
saying that you live
your life by?

In a world where you
can be anything, be
kind.

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Do you
have any
hidden
talents?

I can play the drums...adequately.
At parties I can make a room full
of people disappear with my
dancing.



Thank for speaking to us Mr Gardiner.
We're looking forward to you joining the Downsend team!

I can't wait to meet you all!