



NEW TEACHER FEATURE



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

I am Rebecca Suarez and I will be Lead of Geography and also in charge of Bronze D of E.

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What did you do before joining Downsend?

I have been teaching Geography for many many years. I wanted to travel at the same time while working, so I decided to go abroad and teach so that I could explore different places. I moved to Argentina, UAE and Spain where I was HOD, before I moved back to the UK where I have been teaching for 4 years in a state boarding school in Woking. I have also worked in Wentworth Golfclub while at university and taught English as a foreign language.

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3. What/who inspired you to go into teaching?

My geography teacher Mrs Elkes (who I am still in contact with) who taught me my GCSE years. She was very very strict but so organised, I think that I have brought this into my teaching. After university I did my TEFL course and worked in Austria/Germany doing week courses for English and then I realised that I loved teaching children and then did my PGCE at St Mary's University.

I love learning about the world and different cultures and how they are changing and the impact of globalisation on different aspects.

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Why Downsend?

I love how Downsend is growing and the feel of the school. When I came for my interview everyone was so friendly and welcoming.

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Describe yourself in 5 words

1. Friendly
2. Warm-hearted
3. Loyal
4. Strict
5. Honest

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If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

If I were to have a superpower I would have the power to fly as plane tickets are so expensive at the moment and I would love to be able to go and see places and friends all around the world really quickly. I would hope that I could take my luggage with me as I am not a light packer though! Maybe that should be my superpower!?

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Favourite book of all time?

I love to Kill a Mockingbird. I had to study this when I was at school but read it again later in life and enjoyed actually reading it, not just studying and analysing it. So many connections with history and family/justice.

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Tell us a funny fact about you



Funny fact about me... I used to be head of choir at my school, but don't think I can actually sing that well!

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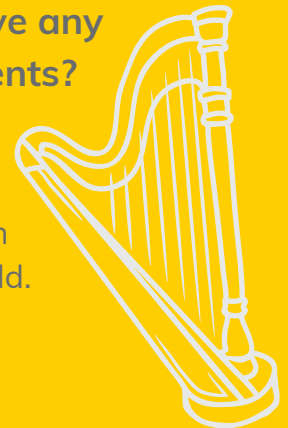
If money was no object, what would you have in your classroom and why?

I would have David Attenborough of course! He could inspire me and anyone in my room. If he was not available I would have google lens so that when we talk about a place in the world we could imagine ourselves there and experience it.

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Do you have any hidden talents?

I play the harp and play at weddings and balls! I've been playing since I was 9 years old.



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

You only live once, so try things and have no regrets. (if safe of course!)

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

Thank you for your questions. I look forward to meeting everyone and exploring geography with you all.
Mrs Suarez :)