

Staff Testimonials

Why join FGS? Let some of our staff tell you why!

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|  <p style="text-align: center;">Tempest ©</p> | <p>Mrs Irene BATES</p> <p>Work Experience/KS5 Transition/ Outward Bound Lead</p> | <p>As an ex-student and local resident I feel it's important that Flixton students are given the right education and choices they deserve for the school's reputation to continue to flourish.</p> <p>My role at Flixton has evolved over the years. At Flixton employees skills, strengths and natural attributes are recognised. Training is sourced to develop and expand these skills to benefit staff members, students and the school.</p> <p>My organisational skills were recognised and nurtured, leading to career progression with added responsibility. These responsibilities benefit the students, staff, the school and the local community.</p> <p>Life at Flixton is supportive, a rewarding experience and its fantastic to work as part of an enthusiastic and motivated team.</p> |
|  <p style="text-align: center;">© Tempest</p> | <p>Mrs Debi Cassidy</p> <p>Sixth Form Administrative/ Pastoral Support</p> | <p>As a Team Leader in my previous career, my people skills have transferred seamlessly into life at FGS. I work with like-minded, hardworking and caring individuals who strive towards the same goal, 'Excellence'. I feel that I am respected, listened to and often receive praise for a job well done and we all know that an appreciated staff member will always go the extra mile. Living locally is a massive plus for me and my wellbeing and I can honestly say that this is my most rewarding job to date and I stride to work with pride and purpose wondering what each day will bring.</p> |
|  <p style="text-align: center;">© Tempest</p> | <p>Mr Rob Coultas</p> <p>Assistant Headteacher/ Director of Culture & Ethos</p> | <p>Having worked for seven years at FGS I can honestly say I have never had a day when I've not wanted to come into work, I simply love working here. The school values of Aspiration, Empowerment and Excellence are reflected in all that we do and are key themes shared through form activities and assemblies. We are a forward thinking school and always work hard to find positive ways to approach all targets. Staff are encouraged and given the freedom to be innovative, supporting opportunities for career progression. Mrs Hazeldine is an extremely supportive and empathetic Headteacher who has an open door policy to support her team, which has allowed me to manage my work and home commitments throughout my time here. The staff at FGS are committed and hard-working, making the staff room an extremely positive place to be. Celebration and praise for staff and pupils alike are key to the success of the school and we regularly celebrate staff success on a weekly basis. I am very proud to work at FGS and am excited about the future for the school - I look forward to continuing to be part of this special team.</p> |

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|  <p>© Tempest</p> | <p>Mrs Rebecca Croniken</p> <p>Head of Helen Keller House/ Teacher of PE</p> | <p>Why I love working at Flixton Girls! The number one reason is the pupils. They allow you to be a better teacher by being adaptable in lessons and they are open to new ideas. At the end of every lesson one or more pupils will say thank you. This means the world to me! I love how the whole school from SLT to support staff promotes physical activity through Fitness Friday or Well-being Wednesday. This support is fantastic! I feel that when issues do arise or you have idea of how to do things differently people do listen and help the best they can. Staff are friendly and willing to help others. I have especially been impressed with the admin staff at Flixton Girls. They never cease to amaze me!</p> |
|  <p>© Tempest</p> | <p>Mr Paul EAGER</p> <p>Assistant Headteacher/ Director of Achievement</p> | <p>I came to Flixton in June 2015, excited to challenge myself in taking on a leadership role in such a high performing, successful school. FGS is not like anywhere I have taught before; the relationships between such passionate and skilled staff, the dedication and engagement of the students and the exceptional support from SLT are second to none.</p> <p>Our students are a special group of talented, well-motivated, polite and hard-working young people that are keen to push themselves and embrace wholeheartedly the vision and ethos of the school. The founding principles of aspiration, empowerment and excellence absolutely resonate in everything that we do at every level; you can feel that you are part of something special here and I love that!</p> |
|  <p>Tempest ©</p> | <p>Mrs Sarah EBERT</p> <p>English Teacher</p> | <p>I have been teaching at FGS for over 12 years and I have seen the school go through monumental change. What I love the most about teaching is that at the heart of what goes on is the kids. There is no denying that we have high expectations and do all that we can to be outstanding but I know that my motivation is my desire to get the best possible outcomes for our girls - if that means that we are successful in other ways than that is a happy symptom of working hard to ensure that the students love English as much as I do. Some may think I'm a bit barmy as a consequence but I hope that seeing the joy that learning can bring is worth it!</p> |
|  <p>Tempest ©</p> | <p>Mr Mat Gill</p> <p>Teacher of IT</p> | <p>I started working at Flixton Girls over 7 years ago as a member of support staff in IT. In that time I have loved every minute of it. Flixton has inspired me to work to the best of my ability and empowered me to achieve excellence in every aspect of my career. The hard working dedicated teaching staff have inspired me change careers and teach computer science as a subject. I am looking forward to another fantastic 7 years where FGS can only exceed expectations.</p> |

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|  <p>© Tempest</p> | <p>Mrs Beverley HEENEY</p> <p>Cover Supervisor/ Student Services Support</p> | <p>Four years ago SLT made my vision 'become a reality' when I came up with the idea of creating a Student Reception, a place where students could come to ask for help whether it be to borrow uniform, find out what room their lesson should be in, ask for advice, speak to somebody regarding friendship issues or problems out of school.</p> <p>The past 6 years working as a Learner Services Assistant I can only describe as being the most diverse and rewarding role I have undertaken in my adult life. What was firstly mainly a reception role, with the support of SLT, I have been encouraged get more involved with activities outside the classroom giving me the opportunity to get to know students better and giving me the ability to deal with issues best suited to the individual student's needs. SLT have supported me to spend time at Outward Bound with Y7 & Y8 working with girls and encouraging them to stretch themselves and participate in activities they had not had the opportunity to do previously which then inspired me to get involved in the 'Y9 Gardening Club'. Along with teaching and support staff, Student Services makes a difference to students. We help teach students skills useful for their lives beyond their time with FGS.</p> <p>Every day brings its challenges but giving support, encouragement and self-belief to students makes the job worthwhile. Working alongside polite young ladies, being appreciated by students and staff, trusted and given the opportunity to be innovative make FGS the place to be.</p> <p>Students here at FGS know I love a good quote ...</p> <p><i>"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but they will never forget how you made them feel..."</i></p> |
|  <p>© Tempest</p> | <p>Ms Maggie Holt</p> <p>Teacher of Humanities</p> | <p>Having enjoyed several years at senior leadership level, it was always my intention to return to the classroom as a full time teacher. Flixton is an exciting place where I have been able to continue with my journey in Education. It's fantastic to work at a school where teaching and learning are paramount. It is also a place where life chances are improved every day for Flixton students. Working as a team is important in the Humanities department and I am passionate about working collaboratively to pursue high standards in a caring community of learning. It is a fast paced working environment where staff are always on a quest for excellence.</p> |
|  <p>Tempest ©</p> | <p>Mrs Kay KITCHEN</p> <p>Business Development Assistant</p> | <p>As an ex-student and returning member of staff to Flixton Girls School, with over 8 years' experience at FGS; I have found re-joining FGS is like being embraced by long lost family. It's as if I have never been away, a home away from home.</p> <p>The team spirit at FGS is very strong and everyone pulls together in times of need, sharing responsibilities and working hard to provide a quality experience for students, staff and visitors alike.</p> <p>All Staff (teaching and non-teaching) and students have</p> |

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| | | aspirational attitudes to ensure every minute counts and make the most of all our experiences. |
|  | Miss Sarah POWELL Assistant Headteacher/ Director of Health & Wellbeing | <p>I have worked at FGS for nearly 6 years now and absolutely love it here! Being able to make a positive difference to our girls during their most impressionable years is priceless.</p> <p>Every day here is different and there is a real family feel to the school! I am encouraged to grow and develop and always feel supported by my Line Manager and the Head Teacher. I have never felt restricted, and have always had the autonomy to be creative in my job. I am able to pilot new ideas and make important decisions quite freely, making me feel trusted as a professional. If you work hard, you are recognised for doing so and there are always new opportunities to develop new skills and apply for promotions. We are able to take part in wellbeing activities within the school day and there is a huge emphasis placed on the wellbeing of staff and students in the school.</p> <p>There is a high integrity among the staff, and my colleagues are positive, caring, friendly, helpful and make it all the more enjoyable to come to work each day. FGS is a great place to work!</p> |
|  | Miss Sonia Schofield Head of School – Standards & Achievement | <p>Flixton Girls is an outstanding school. I have been part of the Senior Leadership team for 5 years and have thoroughly enjoyed the journey. Both challenging and rewarding, we work as a team to achieve the best outcomes for our pupils.</p> <p>I am one of the few members of staff who has had a sibling who attended the school 11 years ago. The school then was a very different place, with few pupils <i>aspiring</i> to Further and Higher education. The change in leadership has transformed the lives of girls from our local community. This is what I buy into, a culture of 'aspiration and excellence'. We provide the opportunities that will enable our girls to go to some of the best Universities in England. It makes me proud to work here and doing the job we do is a privilege.</p> |
|  | Miss Danni Tedford Deputy Headteacher | <p>I love working at FGS! I have been here 7 years now and in that time I have been extremely lucky to have moved from being a 2nd in department to an Assistant Head and now to being Deputy Head. This proves that staff are valued and that the senior leadership team will always seek to find opportunities to 'grow their' own so to speak, so that we can keep the outstanding staff we have. I really don't think I would have had the same opportunities had I remained at my previous school. I believe that working here has turned me in to a better teacher than I ever was and I am very proud to lead in the area for teaching and learning because this is what teachers at this school do best. They are creative, collegiate and so hardworking...Who wouldn't want to be part of that!!!</p> |

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|  <p>© Tempest</p> | <p>Mrs Dorothy TRUSSELL</p> <p>Head of School – Logistics and Daily Operations</p> | <p>I have worked at FGS for over 13 years and it is a privilege to be playing my part in supporting Julie with the monumental transformation of the school. It now occupies its rightful place in the heart of the community; a school that everyone can be proud of!</p> <p>FGS is a fantastic place to work because your natural drive to want to make a difference is nurtured and every innovative approach is encouraged. You are supported to put ideas into practice, and it doesn't matter if things don't go 100% to plan – it's the end result, not the process, that is key. This allows you to be an individual whilst still being part of an outstanding team. We're all striving in the same direction, with student outcomes at the centre of everything we do; working in a synchronised way yet without being prescribed to or suffocated. Spending more time at work than with my loved ones means that the 'family feel' at the school is particularly important to me and, when times have been difficult, I have felt a genuine love from my work colleagues that has really touched me. Mindfulness, random acts of kindness, team spirit and unwavering loyalty; FGS beats with a heart and feels like home.</p> |
|  <p>Tempest ©</p>  <p>Tempest ©</p> | <p>Miss Hannah Johnston</p> <p>Humanities Teacher</p> <p>&</p> <p>Miss Tara O'Halloran</p> <p>Assistant Headteacher/ Director of Academic Excellence</p> | <p>Extra-curricular opportunities - We have been able to run lots of exciting trips to Poland, Rome, and Pompeii which have enriched our subject areas and classroom practice whilst also developing our leadership skills. We enjoy being able to take part in the extra-curricular life of the school, school plays, carol concerts and Fitness Fridays to build relationships with staff and students.</p> <p>CPD – At Flixton we have developed professionally in taking up opportunities such as leading at teach meets, engaging with the twitter community and delivering CPD sessions within and outside school regularly. We have also been given the opportunity to develop leadership in setting up a teaching and learning network for our subject areas in Trafford through our alliance partners.</p> <p>Collaborative community - We work in a fantastic, supportive department where team work extends beyond the classroom. We support each other to be the very best we can be every day and inspire each other with teaching and learning initiatives.</p> <p>Students The students at Flixton make our jobs worthwhile and are at the heart of everything we do. They are intelligent, passionate young women that we enjoy supporting on their journey towards adulthood.</p> |