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An adaptable, solution driven leader with a track record of developing PE and Sports Departments through creating strong cultures of engagement, ambition, progress, and sustainable success.

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Nationality: British

Spouse Details: Currently undertaking Teacher Training (EYFS)
Experienced EYFS practitioner, NHS Nurse, Teaching Assistant
and previous Assistant Head of Boarding.

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Formal Education:

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2021 to 2023 (Best Practice Network)

National Professional Qualification in Senior Leadership (NPQSL)

2017 to 2019 (University of East Anglia)

Master of Arts (Education) Merit.

2009 to 2010 (University of East Anglia)

Physical Education PGCE.

2002 to 2005 (The University of Hull)

BSc (hons) Sport, Health, and Exercise Science 2:1

Professional Coaching / Playing

Highlights [\[CLICK HERE to learn more\]](#)

Player/Participant:

- British Junior Judo Divisional U12&U13 National (Divisional) Champion
- Northampton Saints RFC Academy (EDPG) U15-U20
- England RFU Squads U16 & U18
- 1stXV rugby for Norwich RFC / Shanghai Dragons Rugby RFC / Suzhou Late Knights / Doha RFC
- U25/U30 Midlands Touch Rugby (England Training Squad Selection).

Coach / Instructor:

- FOBISIA & BSME Representative U11, U13, U15 and U19 teams' coach.
- FIRST POINT USA Sports Scholarship Talent Scout
- Eastern Counties RFU U16, U18 & U20 Lead Forwards, Breakdown and Defensive Coach for over 10 years
- Northampton Saints RFC U15 & U16 Head of the Developing & Elite Player Program (Cambridgeshire)
- Rugby Football Union (England) Elite Academy Development Coach
- University of East Anglia Elite Rock-Climbing Coach & Sports Camp Manager
- Cambridgeshire Elite Academy Rock Climbing Coach
- Rhino Rugby Shanghai Lead Academy Coach & Co-Ordinator
- Senior XV Rugby Team Coach Suzhou Late Knights & Doha Mini & Juniors Coach

Teaching and Education Experience: [\[CLICK HERE to learn more\]](#)



St. Andrews
International School
Green Valley

HEAD OF WHOLE SCHOOL PE & DIRECTOR OF SPORT

ST ANDREWS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (GREEN VALLEY)

Rayong, Thailand | Delivering iGCSE / IB SHES Courses
(August 2024 to Present)

Middle Leadership Role: Responsible for the strategic development, growth and effective running of physical education, sport and community activity initiatives with a focus on increasing participation levels, academic results and sporting success.

Most notable achievements include:

- Leader / Teacher of PE & Sport including KS3 and 4 core PE, iGCSE PE and IBDP SHES courses achieving a record breaking **67% A*-A (100% A*-C)** iGCSE PE results within the first academic cycle.
- Established the **Rookie Lifeguard Program**, providing students the opportunity to become certified lifeguards supporting completion of CAS, Sports Leaders and iGCSE assessment requirements and opportunities for paid employment.
- Established a new whole school **holistic (values driven) curriculum & assessment policy**.
- Established the Student led **Social Media Team** (incl. Podcast team) covering all fixtures, conducting coaching, athlete and event interviews.
- Organised and led on **U11, U13 & U15 international FOBISIA events** and competitions across all major sports and games.
- Led the organisation, management and tracking of **regional (ESAC) sporting competitions**, leagues and events including ODOG, Swim Galas & X-Country.
- Organisation, management and delivery of **departmental CPD sessions**
- Presenter **-OFFSEAS** Academic PE Job Alike Workshop (JAWS) 2024/25 on delivery of effective OAA in PE
- Presenter **-Collaborate & Connect FOBISIA** (JAWS) 2024/25 on effective delivery of values driven curriculums



SHERBORNE QATAR

DIRECTOR OF PE, SPORT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

SHERBORNE QATAR

Doha, Qatar | Delivering iGCSE / AS-Level / A-Level Courses
(August 2023 to July 2024)

Senior Leadership Role | Overseeing 5 PE departments across 4 schools (15 team members & 20+ specialist coaching staff). Responsible for the strategic development, growth and effective running of physical education, sport and community activity initiatives across the Sherborne Qatar network of 5 schools from EYFS-Year 13 (inclusive of a specialist SEND unit).

Most notable achievements include:

- Established a cross school **values driven curriculum** inclusive of a fully **holistic assessment model** based on Engagement, Activity and Progress.
- Established the **SQAcademies programme** in collaboration with external Swimming, Football, Basketball, Rugby and Athletic providers.
- Establish clear **G&T pathways** through student attainment of internationally recognised coaching certifications, scholarships, and professional club links.
- Developed school facilities to include a new **state-of the art strength and conditioning suite, Commercial grade aquatic centre**, Qatar's first 3vs3 basketball court, dance studios and indoor multiuse spaces.
- Organisation, **management and delivery of cross school CPD** sessions to over 400 delegates (including sessions on team work, wellbeing, collaborative practical learning, behavioural management and monitoring, conceptual approach to practical teaching and resilience).

Additional Relevant

Experience: [\[CLICK HERE to learn more\]](#)



First Point USA
Scholarship Talent Scout



Sporting Directions Podcast
Founder and Co-Host



OCR and RSA
Author, Examiner
& Practical Moderator:



AK-tivities Ltd.
Founder and
Chief Executive Officer:

Professional Development

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Royal Life Saving Society UK NPLQ (National Pool Lifeguard Qualification)

Rookie Lifeguard Instructor/Assessor

IB Sport, Exercise, Health Science cat.2

IB Sport, Exercise, Health Science cat.1

IB MYP cat.1

Duke of Edinburgh Assessor / Co-Ordinator
Training Levels 1 & 2

MTA Climbing Wall Instructor Award

RFU Rugby Level 3 Component: Planning & Periodisation

RFU Rugby Level 3 Component: Performance Profiling

RFU Rugby Level 2 Award

Archery GB Level 1 Award

England Handball Level 1 Award

Badminton England Level 1 Award

UK Athletics Level 1 Award

Volleyball England Level 1 Award

England Basketball Level 1 Award

Royal Yachting Association Sailing Level 1 Award

Professional References:

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Charles Grayhurst

[Head of School]

St Andrew Green Valley, Thailand

Emma Cave

[Pastoral Lead, Secondary]

St Andrew Green Valley, Thailand

Jane Goldsack

[Executive Director of Learning]

Sherborne, Qatar

Stephanie Oldridge

[Deputy Head of School]

Shrewsbury International School, India

Martin Brockman

[Athlete Performance Manager]

Al-Qadsiah, Saudi Arabia



苏州市相城区诺德安达学校
NORD ANGLIA SCHOOL
SUZHOU, XIANGCHENG



FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF PE AND SPORT

NORD ANGLIA SCHOOL SUZHOU

Suzhou, China | Delivering IBDP/IGCSE Courses
(August 2020 to July 2023)

[Incl: Head of House | International Award CO-Ordinator | Enrichment Co-Ordinator]

Senior Leadership Role: Responsible for establishing and developing the schools Curricular, House, Extra-curricular school sporting provision and formulating the schools bilingual Physical Education vision.

Most notable achievements include:

- Achieved **97%** parental satisfaction score for provision of sporting opportunities and **96%** parental satisfaction score for the promotion of healthy and active lifestyles within the 1st academic cycle, a **28% increase** in comparison to [the global average within the NAE school's network](#).
- Responsible for Establishing, Co-Ordinating and Assessing the international [Duke of Edinburgh Award program](#) for students within Grade 8-12, offering the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards.
- Attained Accreditation** as an Awarding / Assessment Centre and launched the DofE program within 1 academic cycle
- Achieved a perfect **100% parental satisfaction** score for variety of after school activity provision within the 1st academic cycle, a **28% increase** in comparison to the global average within the NAE school's network.
- Successfully launched over **60 ECAs and ASAs** delivered exclusively by teaching, support and admin staff which later increased to over **100 opportunities** with the inclusion of external vendors/providers over the initial academic cycle.
- Successfully sourced, negotiated, and managed the acquisition of external providers and community groups links which in turn increase both ECA and ASA options, holiday camp provision and weekend offering which in turn increasing the school's annual revenue generation.



Swavesey
Village College

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SPORT (HofPE)

SWAVESEY VILLAGE COLLEGE

Cambridge, United Kingdom | Delivering GCSE / BTEC Sport
(September 2012 to August 2020)

[Incl: Head of Academic PE & Examination Courses | Director of Rugby | Director of OAA]

Middle Leadership Role | Overseeing 7 team members & over 10 coaching staff
Led a team of 7 highly accomplished and dedicated teachers plus numerous support and coaching staff. GCSE PE Specialist Teacher, taking lead on all Examination PE and Sport Courses.

Most notable achievements include:

- Increased Physical Education Examination (BTEC & GCSE courses) uptake by over **500%** in just 3 academic cycles
- Consistently achieved positive value-added scores in excess of **+1.3** to making PE and Sport examination subjects one of the top 3 performing subjects within the CMAT school's network.
- Increased extra-curricular participation levels from **25%** to over **80%** in 4 academic cycles through the introduction of various new activities, an award winning and sought-after leadership program, exciting new concept & pathway-based curriculums and evening /weekend community engagement sessions.
- Achieved the [AfPE Professional Practice Award](#) (2017) for outstanding individual contribution to sport and teaching practice.
- Achieved the [YST Sports Mark Platinum Award](#) (2019-20) for excellence in sport and PE provision and participation
- The only Secondary School in the UK to thrive achieve the [AfPE Distinction Award](#) (2013, 2016, 2019) for Sporting and PE excellence, innovation, and delivery
- Achieved the Living Sport Regional [PE & Sport Department of the Year Award](#) (2014, 2016, 2018)



SHERINGHAM
HIGH SCHOOL

HEAD OF BOYS PE AND SPORT:

SHERINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Sheringham, Norfolk | Delivering GCSE / A-Levels / BTEC sport
(September 2010 to August 2012)

Responsible for all matters pertaining to boys PE and KS4 & 5 Academic PE & Exam courses.

Most notable achievements include:

- Spearheaded the school's first nationally recognised **sports leadership program**
- Established the school's **rugby academy** creating a clear pathway into numerous top performing universities and regional professional clubs for students.