

John Bennett

Secondary Teacher



My life in a snapshot

I moved to Norfolk aged seven and went to Holt Primary school. I then went to high school in Sheringham and college at Fakenham. This is the same site our new school is built on!

After college I worked in catering, learning how to cook, and to run big hotels.

After a few years I decided to go to university to study a degree in Outdoor Education. As part of my course, I lived in Finland for 3 months and did a winter skiing expedition.

After university I worked seasonally as a water sports instructor. I lived in a tiny caravan on the side of a lake and taught sailing and kayaking.

As this was seasonal, I had to take on Winter jobs, one was at Cromer High School where I met Mr Speck!

In 2007 I decided I needed a 'proper job' and began working at Fakenham High School & College. I trained as a teacher in 2011 before moving to Long Stratton High School to teach cookery.

After 7 and a half years at Long Stratton I decided I fancied a new challenge so moved to the Wherry School in Norwich as a year 7 teacher.



Things that make me happy

The Outdoors "I love the outdoors, whether it's walking, running, cycling or paddleboarding in Norfolk or trips further afield I just love being outdoors. One of my favourite places to visit is the Peak District, I particularly like the Hope Valley."

My family "In 2019 my wife and I were blessed with twin boys. They were born a bit early but after some wonderful care at the hospital we all came home. They're now nearly three years old and two of the happiest (and loudest) little boys I know"

Cooking "I love cooking, pictured below are collages the beginnings of Beef Wellington and an Indian flatbread called a Paratha"

My Van – "I drive a van that I love" 😊



My hopes

I hope that the Duke of Lancaster grows into a wonderful school where all pupils feel safe and happy.

I hope to inspire a passion for cookery in the Duke of Lancaster pupils and equip them with the skills to feed themselves in a healthy and safe manner.

I hope to allow the pupils of the Duke of Lancaster to reach their individual potential.