

## Personal information:

Name	Leah Harker	Main Subject	Physical Education	Secondary Subject	English / Computer Science
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## My academic qualifications:

School/College	University
<b>Staindrop Academy</b> , Staindrop (2013 - 2018) <u>GCSE</u> : English Literature (9), English Language (8), Maths (7), Biology (5), Chemistry (5), Physics (4), History (7), Religious Education (7), French (5), Computer Science (5), Food Technology (9), Psychology (C)  <b>Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College</b> , Darlington (2018 - 2020) <u>A Level</u> : Physical Education (A*), Psychology (A) and English Literature (B)	<b>Sunderland University</b> (2020 - 2023) <u>BSc (Hons)</u> : Sport, Exercise and Physical Activity (First Class)  <b>North East Partnership SCITT</b> (2023 - 2024) <u>PGCE and QTS</u> : Secondary Physical Education (pending)

## The experience I have had in schools:

PGCE Placements	<b>Framwellgate School</b> , Durham, (October - December 2023) <b>Woodham Academy</b> , Newton Aycliffe (February - June 2024)
Undergraduate Placements	<b>Durham Trinity School and Sports College (Specialist Provision)</b> , Durham, (September 2022 - May 2023)
Other Placements / Employment	<b>Staindrop Academy</b> , Staindrop, County Durham (April - July 2019 and April - July 2021) <b>Gainford C of E Primary School</b> , Gainford Village, County Durham (April - July 2019 and September - December 2020) <b>Education Village</b> , Darlington (May - July 2023)

## The strengths I have within my teaching:

Sporting Strengths	NGB/Other Coaching Awards	Teaching Strengths
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I have 18+ years of dance experience, with professional status in tap and modern jazz. I also have experience in ballet, theatre craft, commercial, contemporary, lyrical, musical theatre and acrobatic dance.</li><li>I have 4 years of dance teaching experience teaching students aged 2 - 14 in a variety of styles.</li><li>I enjoy long distance running including half marathons and marathons.</li><li>I have an interest in health and fitness and enjoy regularly participating in a range of gym-based strength and endurance training.</li><li>I have experience and confidence in delivering dance, netball, trampolining, handball and examination PE (including GCSE and BTEC)</li><li>I hugely support and deliver a wide range of extracurricular activities including dance, table tennis and netball, fully appreciating the positive impact additional experiences can have on lifelong participation in physical activity and sport.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>DfE Accelerated Computer Science Qualification</li><li>Safeguarding for New Teachers Certificate</li><li>British Gymnastics Level 1 and 2 Teachers Trampoline Award</li><li>Youth Mental Health First Aid Award</li><li>Introduction to Teaching Handball Award</li><li>First Aid at Work</li><li>FA Secondary Teachers Award</li><li>ECB Chance to Shine Teachers Award</li><li>Level 1 Kinball Award</li><li>Level 1 Ultimate Frisbee Award</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Positive professional relationships with staff, students and parents built on a culture of consistency and mutual respect.</li><li>Extremely organised and proactive with meticulous attention to detail.</li><li>Confident in using a variety of questioning methods to check for student's understanding and deepen learning.</li><li>Effective use of feedback strategies to help develop students' knowledge and understanding.</li><li>Dedicated to supporting students outside of lessons and after school to help support students.</li><li>Firm but fair use of behaviour management techniques to promote a positive learning environment for all.</li><li>Experience working with students with SEND with the ability to adapt practice to allow access and progress for all students.</li><li>Experience teaching GCSE, BTEC and A Level PE</li><li>Experience of teaching primary swimming lessons</li></ul>

## My personal skills and qualities:

I am an extremely hardworking individual who is eager to learn and always ready to try new things. I tackle new challenges with an enthusiastic and resilient attitude, allowing me to solve problems and create new solutions. I have an engrained passion for education and I believe sport and physical activity is an excellent vessel to facilitate learning and promote positive wellbeing. I pride myself on being able to maintain strong relationships with staff and students and in turn empathy. I have a particular drive to support students with SEND to access sport and physical activity. Having spent a year on placement at a specialist provision, this inspired my dissertation research into creating a more inclusive culture in mainstream PE lessons by developing a fair, all-encompassing curriculum that all students can access.

## My other interests and hobbies:

I have a very active lifestyle which includes running and walking my two Labradors. I participate in recreational dance classes at Dance City in Newcastle and am currently looking to join a social rugby team to learn some new skills and push myself out of my comfort zone. I love giving back to the community so I volunteer as a Gym Assistant in the community gym and often lead charity fundraisers for Parkinsons UK. I have always been a lover of literature and enjoy a cup of tea with a good book to finish off my day.

## Preferred location:

North East and North Yorkshire