

Unseen Talent

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What is your role?

Duke Of Edinburgh Award Centre Manager.

How long have you worked here?

10 years (or thereabouts!)

Where are you based?

Usually in reception on a Monday Lunchtime or on Expedition with 50+ students.

Best thing about working at Becky High?

Seeing the sense of achievement that the students get on an expedition when they realise what they have achieved.



Life before Becky High?

I worked for Sainsbury's as a Deputy Store Manager before teaching, and training others to teach sailing, power boating and windsurfing. It was rewarding to see students and instructors develop in a new environment or to a level that they felt was beyond them previously. This taught me how to teach in an environment that not everyone is comfortable in. A great skill for all forms of outdoor tuition! I am now the Sales Manager for Topper International Sailboats alongside my work with the students at Becky High.



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I was photographed in London and Lanzarote for a book on learning to windsurf. This meant three weeks in a studio in London and two weeks in the sun being paid to windsurf to get the right picture! Also, Olympic Gold Medallist and award winning sailor, Sarah Ayton, was my weekend helper at one of the sailing schools I worked at and I helped teach her to sail!

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