

Un^{oo}en Talent

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Gate Cook

What is your role?

I am the school's Safeguarding Officer.

How long have you worked here?

It will have been here one year in April - I can't believe where the time has gone!

Where are you based?

I am in Student Welfare - next to Matron's office.

Best thing about working at Becky High?

It's so quiet! No bells, no boys and with students wearing trainers, there's no hourly noisy stampede down the corridors!



Life before Becky High!

I studied Psychology and Social Anthropology at university and I went into the police after graduating. I was a Met police officer for 27 Years working mostly in North West London - Kilburn, Harrow, Heathrow Airport and Hendon Police College. I've had many different roles over the years ranging from patrol constable, recruit trainer and Special Branch, to custody sergeant and Response Team inspector. When I retired from the Met, I worked in another secondary school until I moved to Beaconsfield High.



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I am a bell ringer! A somewhat geeky but very addictive hobby, so if you're ever in Old Amersham on a Sunday morning and can hear the bells, I'm probably pulling the rope on one of them. I have recently taken up playing Pickleball too, which is great fun, and I love listening to live music; in the summer I am a (fair weather!) festival goer.

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