

Unseen Talent

Mandy Smith

What is your role?

Morning Receptionist.

How long have you worked here?

17 years!

Where are you based?

On Main School Reception.

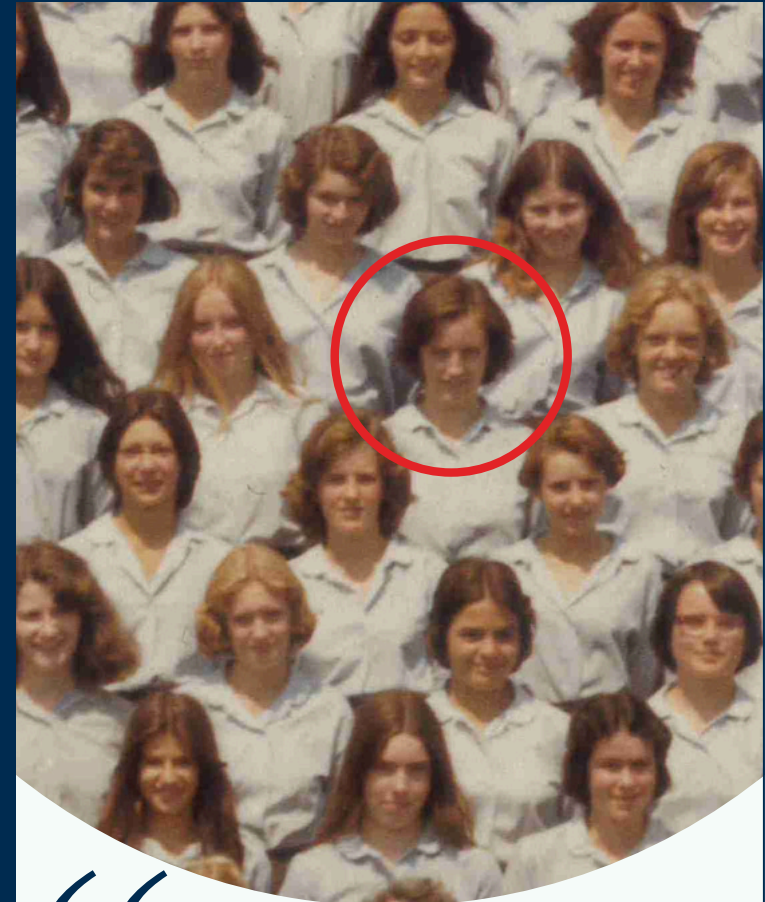
Best thing about working at Becky High?

The staff and the students – I work with such a great team in the front office. I love being able to help students, parents and visitors with their various queries.



Life before Becky High!

I trained as a bilingual secretary at Wycombe College and had various secretarial jobs over the years, the last being senior secretary to two senior partners in a firm of Chartered Accountants. After working there for eight years, I became a full-time mum to my three children for 14 years. I am fascinated by history and before starting a family I began tracing my family tree. I have gone as far back as the early 1800s and a few years ago I was thrilled to find the gravestone of my great-great-great-grandfather! I know this might sound boring to some, but I believe history shapes our present.



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I used to be a student at Becky High in the 1970s and there were five other girls called Amanda (my proper name!) in my class. We had to wear a grey corduroy beret in the winter and a straw boater in the summer with a horrid summer dress. The only DT subjects we did were needlework and cookery, and when I started working here, there were three members of staff still working here who used to teach me!

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