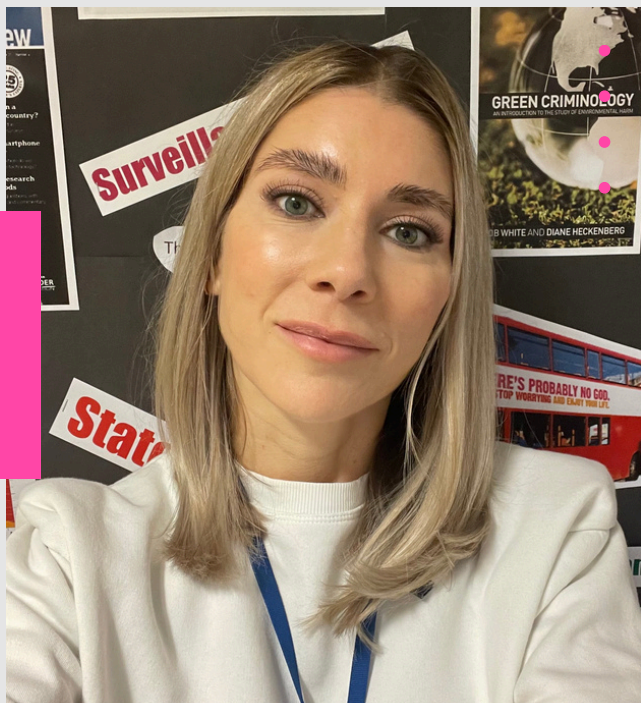


60 SECONDS with



MS ALLEN

Acting Assistant Headteacher and Sociology Teacher

What made you decide to be a teacher?

I wanted to find a job that allowed me to discuss important social issues every day while having fun and being creative. That's exactly what I get to do as a sociology teacher!

Last text/ WhatsApp you received?

Don't forget the sweet potatoes! - a reminder of an important ingredient for dinner that I need to pick up on my way home!

If you could change your name for one day, what would you change it to?

I often say to my children that I've changed my name to Greta as hearing "mummy" 200 million times a day is driving me bonkers.

If you could have one wish, what would it be and why?

Just a simple wish - to end global inequality. If I can't have that, then please could I have the ability to stop time (without any ageing effects, of course)!

What would be the hardest thing to give up?

Making to-do lists. That or salted caramel brownies from the Barefoot Bakery in Oxford.

Favourite item of clothing in your wardrobe and why?

Probably my Manolo Blahnik shoes - my first designer purchase when I went to New York for the first time in 2001.

Why did you choose to work at Becky High?

I love the fact that students at Becky High come to lessons curious and keen to critically unpack social issues we often take for granted. I also feel very lucky to work with so many lovely members of staff who are so committed to the school (and who have a great sense of humour and an excellent supply of biscuits).

