



Skippers Hill Manor  
Preparatory School  
Introducing

## Miss Barnett

Year 5 Form Teacher

Year 5 and 6 English Teacher

Art and Design Technology  
Coordinator

Joining  
Skippers Hill Manor  
in September 2018

### **What attracted you to the role at Skippers?**

I first visited Skippers Hill two years ago when I was looking to make the move from State Education to the Independent Sector. I fell in love with the school back then and was instantly able to see myself working there. However, I was offered a job at my current school, so I didn't explore it any further. Two years later and I was ready for a new challenge in the form of leadership, so I immediately turned to Skippers Hill. The school was just as I had remembered; welcoming, energetic and had an overwhelming feeling of family. I was inspired by the staff and children who I met and I cannot wait to be a part of the Skippers Hill family.

### **What skills and experience can you bring to Skippers?**

I absolutely love my job! There is really nothing else in the world I would rather be doing than teaching and working with children. I have worked and taught in State Schools for six years, before making the move into the Private Sector, where I have been teaching for the past two years. With a background in Fine Art and Graphic Design, I have a creative approach to teaching and learning, and look forward to enlivening the Art and Design Technology curriculum for the Senior children as well as sharing my passion for the curriculum with my form.

### **Why did you decide to become a teacher?**

When I left university, I worked as a free-lance graphic designer for a year and quickly realised that it was pretty boring being stuck behind a desk. I started working as a teaching assistant in my local primary school and soon realised that I loved working with children. Whilst I was there, I had the opportunity to work with an incredible teacher who inspired and encouraged me to pursue my own teaching career. I applied for a PGCE and the rest, as they say, is history.

**What's the best thing about being a teacher?**

For me, the best thing about my job is that no two days are ever the same. I enjoy sharing my passions with others and learning from the children and colleagues I meet. Being able to inspire and support children whilst they strive towards their own dreams is an amazing feeling.

**What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?**

I like going to the gym whenever I can. In the summer, I enjoy mountain biking and walking.