

# St Helen's School

## **Miss Rebecca Workman**

BEd (Hons) - Cheltenham

Exec Leader - Herts

Having grown up in Oxfordshire, following some time living abroad, I relocated to Hertfordshire in 2010 where I now live with my fiancé and our six-year-old daughter.

My teaching career began at the age of sixteen, when I became a dance teacher with the International Dance Teachers' Association and ultimately the Vice Principal of a classical dance school which coincided with my studies to become a Primary School Teacher.

After graduating in 1998, my teaching career began at a small village school in Oxfordshire where I grew up. Within three years, I had started to climb the leadership ladder and moved to my second school which I taught and led at as a Key-Stage Leader for several years. My first experience of the independent sector was at the International School of Monaco and after spending some time there, I returned to the UK, relocating to Hertfordshire where I continued my leadership journey as a Deputy Head.

I soon became Acting Head and then Co-Head; in less than a year I took the school from 'requires improvement' to a 'good' status. Shortly after this, I was asked to take over as Head Teacher at my current school which I have been leading for the past five years. Within a year of my appointment, I again took the school from 'requires improvement' to 'good with outstanding features' status. I am incredibly proud of the provision offered at my current school - our children leave us in Year 6 with excellent grades and ready for all the challenges the next stages of their schooling and life will bring them.

Having completed the Masters-level Executive Leadership Programme, I currently work as a Professional Partner in Hertfordshire, mentoring and coaching new Head Teachers. Alongside this, I also work in an Educational Partnership supporting struggling schools to improve.

Outside of teaching and leading, I am a keen runner and recently completed the London Marathon, raising valuable funds for a charity which works with schools to support the positive mental health and wellbeing of children. When time allows, I still enjoy attending ballet lessons, and am a member of a local gym where I enjoy HIIT classes and swimming.

I feel incredibly honoured to be taking on the role of Head of Prep at St Helen's from September 2022; I will bring with me a huge wealth of knowledge, experience, determination and vision to build on the school's already successful work. I am absolutely committed to promoting high standards and opportunities across the curriculum, as well as supporting children in finding and developing their own interests and talents and, above all, enjoying their learning.

I very much look forward to meeting and getting to know the girls, their families and the staff at the school in the coming months as I prepare to embark on this next exciting adventure.

*'Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.'* Helen Keller



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