KATHERINE FARR

Impress Education Examiner

CURRENT ROLES

Head of Biology

SUBJECTS

Biology (GCSE, A level, IB (Higher and Standard), UCAT: Medicine, Dentistry applications, ESAT: Cambridge Veterinary and Medicine applications, NASS: Cambridge Natural Sciences applications

EXAM BOARD

AQA

EXPERIENCE

FE lecturer (6 years)
Examiner and writer of City and Guilds Animal Science assessments
HE lecturer (7 years) (MSc and BSc module leader including, biochemistry, comparative anatomy, animal nutrition)
Scientific officer DEFRA, Managing Salmonella research projects, managing commercial antiserum production and "trouble shooter" for the diagnostic testing department.
Information Scientist: National Poisons Information Unit
Head Veterinary Nurse (7 year)
Teacher of Biology (7 years) Grammar school
Head of Biology (8 years) Felsted

IMPRESS EDUCATION

About me

24 years experience in the secondary, undergraduate and postgraduate education sectors enables me to teach with an understanding of the skill set and approach required for students to successfully transition into higher education. This includes addressing misconceptions with clear reasoning and the necessity to communicate scientific understanding with clarity and precision. These skills are key to achieving top grades for GCSE and A-level. Extensive experience in industry and research also allows me to bring my experiences and real examples into lessons. This enables me to fully explain the application questions from both a practical and theoretical perspective.

What motivates you to work hard?

Knowing that I am facilitating students to reach their potential. Nothing is more rewarding than seeing the excitement of students on results day, looking forward to the next stage of their education or the start of their working career.

Who is your hero?

My first employee (veterinary surgeon). After interviewing me for my dream job as a veterinary nurse, I was given the job, but he would not employ me until I had finished my A-levels (I was ready to give up). He told me to return to school and take my A-levels and the job would be waiting for me. My boss then took every opportunity available to mentor me, so that my veterinary knowledge was way beyond what was required for my role. The pure love of his job and the dedication he demonstrated during the treatment of every case was an inspiration. I will be forever grateful for him seeing the potential within me and guiding me through the formative years of my career.

What is your proudest moment?

Watching my son perform on stage

If you could choose to do anything for a day what would it be?

Sea kayaking around the Cornish coast, exploring caves and wildlife watching

If you could go back in time, what year would you travel to?

2000 BC so I could see how the pyramids were built and discover the answers to other questions such as how their structure relates to the Egyptians beliefs.

If you could share a meal with 4 individuals living or dead, who would they be?

Baroness Floella Benjamin, Prince, Jane Godall, Simone Biles

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