**Teacher Profile – Mrs Jagger**

**Time at school**
I just loved sport. I was full of energy and struggled to concentrate in class. PE was my favourite subject. When I was in primary school I played football. My Dad was a referee on a Sunday. I used to go and watch him, which inspired me to get into football. On an evening and weekend, I was always outside playing football with my friends. I even played on Oldham Athletics football pitch and went to Manchester United to meet all the players. When I went to Secondary school, girls could not play football with the boys. I was asked to play in goal for the school hockey team. I then went on to play for my County, Derbyshire, which I loved. I also played netball for Derbyshire on some weekends. I was a keen runner, I just loved Cross Country and the 1500m. I ran at the Nationals for Cross Country and competed in many athletics competitions, representing Derbyshire in the 1500m. In the Summer I would play tennis for fun and I played on the Rounders school team. In year 10, I decided to do GCSE PE. I then went on to do my A Levels in PE, Theatre Studies and English literature.

**After university**I was now a Batchelor of Education in Physical Education and English. I applied for my first teaching job at a school in Derbyshire, so I could move back home near my parents. This was not meant to be, as I was unsuccessful. I then had an interview at Fulford School. I was so happy when the Head teacher rang to tell me I had been successful and would start in September 2002. I had only ever been to York on a school trip. it was a whole new adventure. I did not know anyone in York, so I decided to join City of York hockey team where I played and captained the 2nd Team. I have now been at Fulford School for 19 years. It has been a fantastic 19 years. I have been Assistant Head of Year 11, Head of Year 7 and 11, Head of girls PE and now I am Key Stage Three lead in PE. I was even fortunate enough to win Teacher of the Year in 2015 and an award from the British Heart Foundation where I got to meet the Duke of Edinburgh. I absolutely love working at Fulford School, especially working with teenagers. Every day I feel inspired by them and I hope they are inspired by me.

**University**It was a daunting time, preparing to go to university. I was only 18 and this was life changing. The sports courses at De Montfort, were at that time, based in a town called Bedford, 120 miles from home. I stayed on the University campus, quickly embracing University Life. My course was a full PE teaching course leading to Qualified Teaching Status at the end. I decided to take English as my second subject. It was always a good idea to keep your options open. Throughout the course, we covered all aspects of Sport. My favourite topics were: The History of sport, Psychology, Ethics and obviously the practical element. I loved learning how to teach. Every week we would have a lecture, lasting three hours, on methods of teaching. Throughout the course, which was four years, I went on four teaching practices and observed for one week in a Primary school. I absolutely loved teaching PE so much, that I was invited to go along to help on two schools’ trips. One was an outdoor Education week in Thetford woods and the other was a ski trip.

**After Y11**When I had completed my GCSE’s, I went on to take my A Levels. I absolutely loved the Theatre. I auditioned for a part in the school show Dracula Spectacular. I was asked if I wanted to be the Assistant Director. It was a fabulous experience. This is when I decided that I loved organising things as well as sport. I wasn’t sure what my next step would be. I really wanted to be a film director. However, sport was where my true path lay. I decided to apply for University. I applied for Liverpool John Moores, Sheffield Hallam and De Montfort. Having travelled around the Universities, assessing what they had to offer and learning about the course, I knew that teaching sport, was where my heart was.