

Fountaindale School: Getting to know our new teacher...



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Who is your favourite superhero (or fictional character) and why?

- Katniss Everdeen from The Hunger Games. In school my English teacher lent me the books and they reignited my love of reading for pleasure. What I admire most is that she is fiercely independent, deeply compassionate and resilient. Her story shows that ordinary people can achieve extraordinary things.

What is your favourite film or TV show, and what makes it stand out for you?

- How to Train Your Dragon. I watched the first film when I was 7, and then saw the third film when I was 16. It felt as though I grew up alongside the characters, which gives the series a special place in my heart. More importantly, though, there are dragons and dragons are cool.

What was your favourite subject at school when you were a pupil?

- English was my favourite subject at school. It wasn't a subject that came naturally to me but with hard work and perseverance it became a strength. That journey made it especially rewarding, as I learned the value of dedication, stepping out of your comfort zone and continuous improvement.

If you could have any job for a day (not teaching), what would you choose?

- I would love to work in a bookshop. Sharing my love of reading is one of my favourite things so spending my time recommending books and helping people find their next great read would be a lot of fun. An added bonus would also be the staff discount as I will admit, my book buying has become a bit of a problem...

What's your go-to comfort food or treat after a long day?

- My go-to comfort food after a long day is a cheese pizza, especially when it has a stuffed crust. I'm not much of a cook, so it's also one of the few meals I can reliably make for myself. I always have one in my freezer for emergencies.

What's your favourite way to spend a weekend?

- I love to spend my weekends outdoors. Anything active, whether it's a hike, bike ride, run, walk or sitting in nature, being outside always improves my mood. It reminds me of how strong I am, both mentally and physically. After an active day I like to wind down with a cosy evening playing games like Minecraft. I'll admit I am not very skilled at fighting zombies, but I enjoy building and finding pets.

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