



## NEW STAFF INTRODUCTION - BEN GOODEN - BTEC SPORT TUTOR

### **A note from Ben:**

I have spent most of my life in Blackburn where I was born and raised, except for a short stint of time in Australia. Although brief, I loved my time there, as travelling, meeting new people and learning about new cultures are some of my favourite things to do.

Whilst growing up I was taught to be respectful, honest, hard-working and courageous which form some of the values I instil into my 5-year-old son today. Whilst being brought up in the area through the 90's I was exposed to some memorable times in Football that turned my love and passion for Sport into an obsession. Through hard work and determination I was able to make my obsession into my career. I have spent the last 11 Years working in Sport and Fitness across a variety of interesting roles. These roles have included leisure and sports club management, sports coaching, PE specialist and lecturer in sport. Most recently, I have been leading a Sports Degree Programme that delivered two courses at a well-known football club.

In my spare time I coach for the FA as a goalkeeping coach on their Regional Emerging Talent Programme, I also manage a Women's Football Team in the FA National League. Both roles are extremely rewarding and offer different challenges and opportunities to learn that include working with footballers with disabilities.

With my love for Football, the opportunity to work alongside a group of people that have brought great success to the school is exciting. I aim to build upon the BTEC programme in a way that matches the sporting excellence that the school has with its Football Academy. In the classroom I aim to stretch and challenge the students in a way that not only includes the course and lesson material but also give students experiences that they will be able to use as they grown up into their working lives.

I look forward to meeting you all and working with you in September.

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