



Amanda Ryan, Principal

I was born in Whitby, North Yorkshire and after attending a very small village primary school and much bigger secondary school in Whitby, I went on to study Religious Studies and History at degree level. I remain passionate about both of these subjects and I am delighted that so many of our pupils at Hillside enjoy and achieve success in these areas. Following my degree I studied for my Post Graduate Certificate in Education and started teaching at the age of 22.

20 years later I remain as enthusiastic about the job as I did the day I started teaching. After 6 years in Armthorpe Doncaster as a RS teacher and Head of Year I moved to Hillside. My roles at Hillside have included Head of Year, Senior Teacher, Deputy Head and since 2013 I have been honoured to be the Principal. I am fiercely proud of our school, it's stunning building reflects the stunning work which takes place at Hillside. Our pupils make me extremely proud, they are always polite and courteous and give everything their best shot. Above all else they can always make me smile!

I thoroughly enjoy my role as a staff governor and undoubtedly the support and challenge the school receives from Governors ensures our school continues to go from strength to strength.

I am married and have three children, so between them and life at Hillside I don't have much spare time, but I wouldn't want it any other way!