

## ***Who are you?***

Anneka Smith

## ***What do you do?***

Physics teacher

## ***What does your job involve?***

I teach A-level and IB physics. I also take an active role in the school in various respects, including organising a special geology/geophysics trip to Iceland to demonstrate to students some of the wonderful geological features of the country, as well as geology and physics required to understand them!



## ***How did you get there?***

I did the Geophysics with a Year abroad degree. It was a wonderful experience – jetting off to embark on my year abroad in Berkeley is something I will never forget! I realised I enjoyed working with young people so becoming a teacher seem a good choice. As they don't do geophysics a-level, physics seemed the next best thing! I trained as a science teacher with specialism in Physics.

## ***How do you use your skills in geology and geophysics?***

As I teach Physics I don't use the material as such but I use some of the skills I developed at Imperial every day, including working closely in a team which is something you develop quickly during your fieldwork at Imperial.

## ***What do you love about geology?***

The aspect of the course that really motivated me was the use of fundamental physics to understand the Earth.

## ***Your best and worst moments?***

One or two of the students from my recent Iceland trip have now decided to apply to University to study geology or geophysics! I can't really think of a worst moment! Autumn term always feels a long one ending with dark journeys to and from work, but I guess that is the same for everyone!