



**Name:** Mr Cooper

**Position:** Assistant Principal (Pastoral Lead)

**Role:** I am the Assistant Principal who leads the pastoral team (Heads of Year). I hold overall responsibility for the behaviour of students within our school. As the designated safeguarding lead I am also responsible for making sure that all students within the school are safe. Alongside my role as the Assistant Principal I also teach both Computer Science and Business Studies.

**Time at School:** I am relatively new to North Gosforth Academy. I actually started working at the school in April 2020. This has been a strange time to start a new school due to the restrictions of COVID-19. Prior to this I worked at Harton Academy (South Shields) and Academy 360 (Sunderland).

**Subjects I teach:** My main specialism is Computer Science and this is the main subject I teach. I also teach Business Studies.

**What I like:** I really enjoy travelling. I spend a lot of our school holidays abroad visiting Turkey. I was fortunate to live there for a period of time and have many friends that I visit. It is a beautiful country with an amazing culture. I also enjoy spending time with friends and family here in the UK.

**What I dislike:** Honesty is a big characteristic for me on both a personal and professional level. I dislike people not being honest. I always feel that people should be honest at all times, even if they think what they might say or do may upset the other person.

**Any other interesting fact:** I have been a qualified football referee for 17 years. I have been fortunate to referee both here in the UK and internationally. I have refereed at various levels and competitions, including the FA Cup.