



INTERVIEW

James Riley Co-Founder and Humanities Teacher

Phoenix College

How did you get into teaching?

I started teaching in 1993 in Manchester, UK, as I wanted to continue my interest in Geography, History and Politics.

Tell us a little about your time as a teacher?

I have taught for over 20 years in schools here in Spain and in the UK. I can honestly say that I have enjoyed the whole experience.

What do you enjoy most about being a teacher?

Obviously, the subject area, as you always have to keep researching and reading, which keeps the mind active, but also the interaction with the students in the classroom. There is a huge amount of positive feedback.

What do you enjoy most about Phoenix College?

I like the fact that we all, both teachers and students want to work together to improve ourselves. It is a great place to teach and to enjoy learning. We want to get the best out of ourselves!



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Let's Get Personal...

What is the best piece of advice you have ever received?

The best piece of advice was from my parents who always told me to try my best and be positive about life.

If you were on a desert island and you could have three items with you, what would you choose?

A wok to cook with.
A fishing rod to catch some fish. (Although I do not know how to fish, I would have to learn!)
A bath to relax in! (with hot running water)

What is your ultimate, go to gadget or app?

My record player and record collection.

If you could have dinner with a famous person (dead or alive), who would you choose and why?

Keith Richards, as long as he brings his guitar.

Three words that best describe you:

Principled, Hardworking & Happy

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