Richard is a well-respected and experienced teacher with over 19 years' experience in the profession. He completed his degree in Sports Studies (Ba Hons) at the University of Derby in 2004. Following successful voluntary work experience he went on to complete his teacher training (PGCE) in secondary education for Physical Education at Loughborough University.

He has completed the Middle Leaders Development Programme (MLDP) and the Outstanding Teachers Programme (OTP) before securing the role as Learning Director for P.E. in 2015. Since then he has led a successful department, providing opportunities for pupils to flourish and harness crucial life skills such as resilience, creativity and curiosity as well as developing a desire for a healthy active lifestyle. Perhaps his biggest passion has been his role as a mentor to newly qualified staff, both NQT's and ECT's, which he has done for over 10 years.

He has also valued his current role as post-16 form tutor, preparing students with their next steps towards University. It was this area that lit a passion to really make a difference and as a result is now with us at Bridge the Gap as a mentor to children and also as our School Liaison Officer. He will still continue to teach P.E. in School 3-days a week. In his spare time, Richard is a keen follower of Boxing and Football, enjoys cooking, travelling, walking his rescue dog Ruby, and Playing Golf.