Ella joined the RIS programme as part of the 2018 cohort and has been teaching Maths at Harris Academy Battersea. Ella completed her PhD in Architecture at the University of Liverpool. Before joining RIS, Ella was a post-doc researcher and Assistant Lecturer.

**How Ella made an impact**

Ella delivered her Uni Pathways course, a university-access intervention based on her PhD, to six Year 9 pupils in Autumn 2018. Her course was entitled ‘How to make our school more sustainable’. Of her course, one pupil said: ‘I have learned about sustainable architecture, carbon footprints and their effect on the environment. I also have learned about passive design strategies. Finally, I learned how to reference successfully.’

In addition to her teaching role, Ella has been running an LGBTQ+ group at her school, supporting and mentoring students. Ella was appointed Deputy Safeguarding Lead at her school, which allows her to support more students in a pastoral role.

**The RIS Programme**

RIS offers a tailored route into teaching exclusively for PhD graduates specifically designed to utilise their academic expertise to the benefit of pupils and schools. Participants are placed in non-selective state schools on a tailored initial teacher education (ITE) programme delivered in partnership by RIS and regional ITE providers.

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