



Vicky Dee

“I joined The Brilliant Club in October 2019, after ten fantastic years teaching English in south London. The time had come for me to step away from the classroom, but I still felt passionately that I wanted a job in the education sector where I could help to make a difference to young people and tackle barriers to inequality. Aside from some summer temping, I had never had an office job before, so as well as learning about my new role on our Researchers in Schools team, I also encountered entirely new aspects of work. I learnt about a whole new approach to line management, the joys of drinking tea while it’s still hot, and ways of collaborating that were so different from my life as a teacher.

Fast forward five years and I’m in my third role at the charity, as Director of School Partnerships. I’m still motivated by a desire to give young people the very best opportunities, no matter what their background, and I feel lucky to do a job that means something. I’ve had the chance to lead projects, work alongside inspiring colleagues, and push myself out of my comfort zone. Recently, I returned to work after having a baby and I’m navigating the conflicting emotions and logistics that come with being a working mum. No matter how challenging that might be, I know that I have the support that I need at work to be able to try to get the balance right.”