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Values in Action Winner Aim High



Annabelle Gehlot receiving her award from Jon Peck

**Annabelle Gehlot
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How does it feel to be a Values in Action winner?

“It feels great! Having worked at Maiden Erlegh Trust for 12 years, the organisation means a lot to me. To be nominated by your peers is also something that feels very special. We all work so hard in our different roles and I felt very grateful reading my nominations. It was genuinely a special moment for me.”

What motivates and inspires you in your day-to-day work?

“Education is such a fast paced environment where no two days are the same. With this brings pressure and uncertainty, but also many opportunities to challenge yourself and grow. I thrive on problem solving and getting stuck in, which my role allows me to do. I am also lucky in that I get to work with many different people across the organisation which inspires and motivates me to challenge myself and do my best.”

What does being part of a values-led organisation mean to you?

“I think it is important to know what you are working towards. When working with people across the organisation I can see that our values reflect the culture on the ground in the schools. I think the choice of values are ones we can all identify with, no matter what our role is. It helps to shape a sense of identity and purpose which is important.”

What advice would you give to others about living our values?

“Let your colleagues inspire you and take advantage of what is on offer to staff. We have an incredible professional development offer, and this has helped me to grow in confidence and also meet and work with new people. Take advantage of new opportunities!”

Any final thoughts or messages?

“I am genuinely so grateful to have been chosen as a winner. This is such a brilliant initiative and it was nice to meet other winners too. Thank you!”