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Values in Action Winner Be Inclusive



Scott Versace receiving his award from Jon Peck

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

“I feel honoured and humbled to receive this recognition and to read the feedback from my nominating colleagues. The Hamilton team make it easy to Be Inclusive, thanks to their consistent, encouraging support, and their tireless efforts to guide each and every young person in our care.”

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

“Each young person in our care is like a puzzle, and sometimes you only get to see a small part of the problem. It is only when you show you care, by being professionally curious, that you begin to see the bigger picture. I find great satisfaction in doing what I can to enrich the life of each young person.”

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

“Working for a Trust whose values are aligned with my own is a privilege. Sharing every working day with colleagues who inspire me and bring a wealth of expertise to the learning experience of all our young people, raising their aspirations, makes the challenges of our specialist setting worthwhile.”

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

“Remember your ‘why’. I went into teaching to help young people reach their potential and give them the confidence they need to pursue the brightest future they can imagine. I am determined to dig deeper into who our young people are, to understand why they behave the way they do, and to guide them towards being the best versions of themselves that they can be.”

Any final thoughts or messages?

“Young people don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.”

“Thank you to the amazing team at Hamilton who show me every single day that they care about the young people in our community. The young people may not show their appreciation right away, but you are changing their lives for the better and you inspire me to keep my standards high.”