

## **Lourdes Rosenstengel – Mathematics Teacher**

My name is Lourdes Rosenstengel and I'm a teacher of mathematics at Stuartholme School.

I decided to become a teacher because I very much love the act of giving and supporting children in developing their skills and reaching their potential.

I think the key thing to keep the students engaged and interested in mathematics is very much your own enthusiasm. If you go into a classroom and you show your passion for your subject and your interest, I think that naturally makes the girls want to learn.

Any subject that you enrol in will tap into mathematics because mathematics is about for me, I believe that mathematics is about developing your logical reasoning and logical analytical skills so you could use that in a subject like law, so by just exercising that part of your brain, you will find that will come in use in other courses that you might do that aren't strictly maths related.

The thing that I specifically love about teaching at Stuartholme is feeling part of a community. We have a really strong community here and the relationship and the bond we share between the staff, the students, the parents, alumnae and the Sisters of the School is unique. Something you can't, that money can't buy. And, it's that in particular that I love. No matter what kind of morning I'm having, good or bad, the moment I step on site, I just feel this immediate sense of warmth and friendship, love and support that centres me and guides my thoughts and actions for the day. And I love the spiritual side of the School and I think that we're a school that's very inclusive and we celebrate our culture and celebrate our differences and it's a really great place to work.