# Teacher banned for inappropriate relationship with former pupil



In a significant disciplinary outcome, Joanna Broad-Reeder, a teacher associated with St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy in Stoke-on-Trent, has been banned from teaching indefinitely after acknowledging her involvement in an inappropriate relationship with a former pupil. The incidents occurred while she was initially a supply teacher at St Thomas More School in Crewe, where she met the student in January 2022.

The Teaching Regulation Agency (TRA) conducted a professional conduct panel that detailed Broad-Reeder's actions, which included maintaining contact with the pupil after she transitioned to St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy in September 2022. Evidence presented at the hearing indicated that Broad-Reeder, 58, met with the student on several occasions, including outings to a meal, an art gallery, and a cinema.

In her admissions, Broad-Reeder acknowledged the exchanges of personal messages between September 2022 and January 2024. One such WhatsApp message, reportedly revealing her feelings, stated: "Just this very moment, I realise what it is I feel for you. It is love – a love of who I used to be and who I longed for when I was young – which was you."

In response to the findings, a TRA report indicated Broad-Reeder accepted that her behaviour constituted unacceptable professional conduct. She expressed admiration for the pupil's "intellect, maturity, and love of the arts", claiming it was solely about appreciation and not sexual in nature. However, the panel noted that while they did not investigate the motivations behind her messages, they found the tone and content to be inappropriate.

Broad-Reeder also submitted emails to her lawyers in which she reflected upon her conduct, stating, “I totally understand that I may have exceeded the parameters. I am only guilty of emotionally caring for and enjoying sharing the arts with the pupil.” She expressed regret over the impact of her actions on her career, reputation, and personal connections.

Despite her expressions of remorse, the panel found that her apologies lacked genuine insight into the consequences of her actions, indicating that her concern was primarily focused on the ramifications for herself rather than for the pupil involved. Consequently, the panel concluded that Broad-Reeder must be struck off indefinitely from any teaching role in England, with the possibility to apply for the prohibition order to be lifted after March 2029, pending further review.

In a separate case, Mark Holland, a teacher from Great Academy Ashton in Ashton-under-Lyne, faced scrutiny for making inappropriate comments to students, including an unsettling remark directed toward a Muslim pupil regarding her hijab. Between March and December 2022, Holland’s comments included calling a student a “dumb blonde” and suggesting that another student “could do better” in relation to her boyfriend.

A panel from the TRA ruled that despite Holland's comments falling short of the professional standards expected of teachers, the conduct did not meet the threshold for serious misconduct that would warrant a ban from teaching. The panel noted that his remarks, particularly toward the Muslim student whom he referred to as "The Nun," were deemed religiously insensitive rather than racially motivated.

Holland, who had been with the school for nearly five years, was compelled to leave following a disciplinary hearing in September 2023. He apologised for his actions and stated that he recognised the need to amend his approach to engaging with pupils. TRA decision-maker Sarah Buxcey concluded that imposing a prohibition order was not deemed proportional or in the public interest, emphasising that the public airing of the findings adequately conveyed the importance of maintaining appropriate standards of conduct within the teaching profession.

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## References

* <https://stoke.nub.news/news/local-news/teacher-in-stoke-on-trent-struck-off-for-inappropriate-relationship-with-pupil-255516> - This article supports the claim that Joanna Broad-Reeder, a teacher associated with St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy in Stoke-on-Trent, was banned from teaching indefinitely due to an inappropriate relationship with a former pupil. It also details her actions and the evidence presented during the professional conduct panel.
* <https://crewe.nub.news/news/local-news/former-crewe-supply-teacher-struck-off-for-inappropriate-relationship-with-pupil-255551> - This article corroborates the details about Joanna Broad-Reeder's inappropriate relationship, including the period during which the incidents occurred and her acknowledgement of exchanging personal messages with the pupil.
* <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teacher-misconduct-panel-outcome-ms-joanna-broad-reeder> - This government publication provides the official outcome of the professional conduct panel against Joanna Broad-Reeder, confirming her indefinite ban from teaching and the reasons behind it.
* <https://www.noahwire.com> - This source does not directly support the claims as it is the purported original source of the information without specific details online. However, it would be where the news might have originated.
* <https://m.tes.com/news/teacher-banned-after-inappropriate-relationship-pupil> - This URL is not directly available in search results, but typically, the Times Educational Supplement (TES) might report on teachers being banned for misconduct, which could include Joanna Broad-Reeder's case if reported there.
* <https://www.schoolsweek.co.uk/teacher-banned-over-inappropriate-relationship> - Similar to TES, Schools Week often reports on teacher misconduct cases, including inappropriate relationships. However, a specific article on Joanna Broad-Reeder's case might not be available without direct access to their archives.
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