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Welcome to the new staff for Autumn 2023



Tom Batchelor | Teacher of Business and Economics & Enterprise

AQA External Examiner of Business Studies
PGCE in Business Studies, Economics and ICT – Portsmouth College
BSc(Hons) Business Management – University of Surrey
Previous Schools – Mayfield School, Portsmouth
Enjoys football, swimming, surfing, and other watersports, skiing
and enjoys investing.



Alexandra (Ali) Cocksworth | Deputy Head Pastoral

MA(Hons) English Literature – Cambridge
MA Modern and Contemporary Literature, University of London Modern and Con-
temporary Literature – University of London
PhD – English Language ongoing, University of Northampton
Previous Schools – Bradfield College, North London Collegiate School
First love is literature, also enjoys drama and music directing, writing and acting.
Keen singer.



Michael Firth | Teacher of RE

PGCE Religious Education, University of Oxford
BA(Hons) Theology and Religion – Durham University
Previous Schools – Poly School Changwon, Ardingly College
Keen sportsman with an interest in hockey, cricket and football.



Hannah Hendrick | Teacher of Sport Science and Academic PE

BA(Hons) Physical Education and Sports Coaching – University of Chichester
Previous Schools – Cokethorpe School, St Swithun's School, West Hill Park School
Previous positions at Surrey Storm Netball and Gosport Gators Netball Club
Specialist sport Netball but enjoys swimming, HITT, cycling baking and cooking.



Poppy Lake | Head of Girls Sport

PGCE Secondary Teaching with QTS – Canterbury Christ Church University
BSc Sport and Exercise Science – Loughborough University
Previous Schools: Seaford College, Brentwood School
Playing and umpiring netball, athletics, marathon running and swimming.
Teaching and supporting dance showcases.



Laurie Macvean | Teacher of English

MA in Education, Applied Linguistics, Open University
PGCE English Teaching, University of Sussex
BA(Hons) Drama and Theatre – University of Kent
Previous Schools: Salesian College, Rodborough School and private sector
Passionate about martial arts particularly Jiu-jitsu. Enjoys rugby, hockey and football as well as rock climbing, canoeing and wild swimming. Laurie is a Sternian.



Andy Molin | Teacher of Biology

BA Microbiology with studies in Germany, University of Kent, Canterbury
GTP and QTS – Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead
Previous Schools – Sherfield School and Furze Platt Senior School
Employed in the Pharma sector for a number of years.
Enjoys rugby, rowing, football, fencing and running to keep fit.



Susan Penny | Teacher of Biology (Maternity Cover)

PGCE – Biology, University of Bath
BSc(Hons) Genetics – University of Glasgow
Previous Schools - Aldworth School, The Costello School
Also worked as a freelance teacher
Plays Netball in the Basingstoke Netball league, volunteering and keen quizzer.



Tom Rowland | Teacher of Science (PT)

PGCE – Secondary Education and Teaching, University of Sussex
MA Counselling – University of Roehampton
BSc Logic and Philosophy of Science and Physics – University of St Andrews
Previous School – Weydon School
Enjoys swimming and playing the classical guitar and piano.



Tom Starnes | Head of Religion, Philosophy and Ethics

PGCE – Religious Education, University of Chichester
MA – Religious Education, Kings College London,
Post Grad degree in Theology and Religious Studies, Kings College London
BSc Botany, University of Reading
Previous Schools – Prior's Field School, Gordon's School, Christ's College Guildford
A qualified DoE assessor and climbing wall Instructor. Has enjoyed being part of the CCF and has a keen interest in character education.



Lauren Showell | MFL Teacher of French

BA – Education and Arts, University of South Australia

Previous Schools – Oakbank Secondary School, College Vaugyon

Plays Netball for a social league, loves travelling and keen on cooking/BBQ'ing and an advocate for girls' sport. Mentoring new teachers including NQT/ECT.



Mark Smith | Teacher of Geography

MA – Business and Management

PGCE – Geography Oxford University

BA (MA Oxon) – Geography

Previous Schools – All Hallows Catholic School, Seongdong Elementary School

Project Manager for the NHS Partnership programme.

Favourite sport is tennis, to watch and play. Jogging to keep active and enjoys cooking and spending time with young family.



Eloise Shrimpton | Teacher of Sports Science and Academic PE

PGCE – Physical Education – University of Chichester

BA Physical Education in Secondary Years – University of Chichester

Previous Schools – Crookhorn College, Bohunt School, Oakmoor School

County level rugby player for Havant RFC and coach, swimming and netball teacher, helped set up Alton RFC for women's rugby.



Holly Welham | Head of Science

PGCE with QTS – Goldsmiths, University of London

BSc(Hons) Natural Sciences – University of Leeds

Previous Schools – Vijay International School Seychelles, Ark Schools

Enjoys HIIT training, keen sportswoman, cross country in winter and track and field in the summer. Passionate about CCF and DofE.



Zoe Wheddon | MFL teacher of Spanish

PGCE Spanish and French – Southampton University School of Education

BA(Hons) Spanish – Southampton University

Previous Schools – Daneshill Prep, Badminton School, Bradfield College

Enjoys going to the gym and a huge fan of music. Keen interest in researching local history and is writing her second book.



Jack Wrenn | Sports graduate

BSc (Hons) Sports, fitness and coaching – Open University

Previous positions – Own coaching business and other positions within multiple business sectors

Keen on all sports, plays football, cricket and golf when not watching Aldershot Town FC.



Lidia Pocock | Estates Director

Facilities Management Degree – Institute of Workplace Facilities Management

Previous positions - Kingham Hill School, Oxford City Council

As Head of Estate Management at Kingham Hill School, her remit covered Estates, Domestic, H&S and Enterprise. Prior to KHS, she worked at Oxford City Council for 8yrs managing their city centre properties and Town Hall buildings.

Love of CCF and adventure training activities such as skiing, mountain biking, rock climbing and spending time with her young family.



Richard Smeeton | IT Transformation Consultant

MA Computer Science and Entrepreneurship, University of Nottingham

BA – Information Systems – University of Derby

Previous positions – The Loughborough Schools Foundation and a Software Consultancy

A seasoned traveller, speaking French, German and Swedish. Plays guitar and part of the music ministry at his local parish church.



Sharon Doran | Admissions Assistant

BA - Educational Studies - University of Portsmouth

Previous positions – Treloar School and College, The Butts Primary School and other positions within the commercial sector.

Love of walking, reading, cooking and travelling.



Vicki Rochford | Database & Communications Assistant

BA – Tourism and Hospitality, Shannon College of Hotel Management

MA – Tourism and Hospitality Management, University College Birmingham

Previous experience : Robert Mays Secondary School and other positions in the private sector

Keen rugby supporter having been a past player. Love of cooking, trained chef.

Reading and current topic of interest, emotional intelligence and how it shapes us.
