



MEET YOUR TEACHERS...

ENGLISH



Mrs Grimwood-Read
Head of Faculty

I love travelling, rock climbing, cycling, surfing and running very long distances. I like to start the day with a good strong coffee. I love challenging myself and am always looking for a new adventure.



Mrs Robins
Deputy Head of Faculty

I love teaching martial arts to students from around the UK - I run a tai chi school in my 'spare' time. I also enjoy travelling, yoga, reading meditation, and gardening. Oh, and coffee, lots of coffee... with chocolate.



Miss Chinn
Deputy Head of Faculty

I love gardening, yoga, historical fiction, Shakespeare and walking in the countryside. My favourite place is currently Italy; I love nothing better than enjoying gelato in Rome's piazzas or hitching a ride in a water taxi in Venice.



Mrs Fisher
Literacy Coordinator

I grew up in New York, worked overseas in Hong Kong, and settled in England. I enjoy reading, eating chocolate, open air markets, a good flat white, yoga, and travelling.



Miss Jensen
Teacher of English

Some of my favourite things to do include yoga, nature walks, baking, and kayaking. Of course, reading is how I spend most of my free time. I can usually be found with a good book and a cup of tea nearby.



Mr Keating
Teacher of English

My hobbies include skiing, playing piano, wearing waistcoats, rereading the Harry Potter series, and eating satisfying lunches.



Mrs Rowe
Head of House - Discovery

I love walking the dog along the Downs, beach or river. I also enjoy baking cakes, gardening, decorating and reading. Reading autobiographies and comedy are an absolute favourite for me.



Mrs Pringle
Teacher of English

I'm really excited to be starting teaching English at Oathall from September. This will be my second year teaching at a secondary school after 6 years teaching English as a Foreign Language in Brighton and London. I love all types of literature but am particularly fond of modernist / impressionist novels. The thing I'm most excited for post-lockdown is the opening of theatres - life is so dreary without drama!

MATHS



Mrs Griffiths
Head of Faculty

I love working with my fantastic team of teachers and students! I recently lived overseas in Hong Kong and a huge passion of mine is travelling. Some of my favourite places are Pakistan, Laos, Mongolia, Borneo and Vietnam, though that list could go on for much longer! I am married with 3 young daughters who keep us very busy! I have recently become a keen gardener and grow my own fruit and vegetables.



Miss Calleja
Deputy Head of Faculty

I am originally from Spain but have lived in the UK for a long time. I have been teaching at Oathall for 8 years and love being a maths teacher. I love travelling and going to Spain for the holidays. In my free time I love being outdoors although if the weather is bad I enjoy staying watching a film or catching up with the latest series. Cooking is a passion of mine and I spend lots of time reading about food and trying new recipes.



Mrs Brook
Deputy Head of Faculty

I have always loved Maths and I feel very lucky that I get to teach it now! I work part-time as I am mum to 2 young boys. I love cooking, gardening and long walks in the beautiful countryside that surrounds us. I look forward to meeting you in September!



Mrs Dewdney
Teacher of Maths

In my spare time I enjoy walking, cycling, cooking and playing the flute. I love to read and am never happier than when I am sitting in the sunshine reading a good book, with my feet up and a cup of tea. Maths is such a fun subject to teach and learn and I feel very lucky to be part of a great maths team here at Oathall.



Mrs Fogarasi
Teacher of Maths

I'm passionate about people in general and teenagers in particular, which is why I love to work at Oathall and why I'm also involved with the youth work at my church. My own two teenage boys keep me grounded and make me laugh every day. We travel a lot as I have family in several European countries, but I also love meeting up with my local friends for a quiz or going to the theatre with my husband.



Mrs Gaston
Lead Practitioner Teacher

Mathematics is such a wonderfully creative subject so it's great fun being a maths teacher! I'm lucky enough to work with primary schools throughout the year so maybe we have met one another already? I work part-time as I have a gorgeous young family who also keep me busy. Sea swimming in huge waves is how I like to relax and I also love listening to live music. I'm looking forward to seeing you in September.



Mr Holder
Learning Manager -
Computing

I am ending my first year at Oathall, and really like the school. My Y7 tutor group are fantastic, and I really enjoy being with, and supporting them. I am married with a son aged 17 and have lots of involvement with my son's football and athletics pursuits. I enjoy France and am a French speaker, keen student of History. Love my family, sport, the outdoors, music and DIY.



Mr Houghton
Deputy Headteacher

I taught science for a long time and now teach computing. I have really enjoyed learning the new programming skills that we use in lessons. I enjoy going camping with my family and friends for holidays. I have always loved music, I play the guitar and go to concerts whenever I get a chance.



Mr Leonard
Enrichment Leader

I have been teaching maths for the past 5 years, all of which have been at Oathall. My favorite things to do mostly involve the outdoors; hiking, camping, skiing, swimming in the sea and travelling to different countries. Alongside all of these active things, I also enjoy being lazy on the sofa watching a good movie!



Miss Ramsey
Teacher of Maths

Having been in the Army, worked with doctors and been a careers advisor, by far my favourite career is teaching maths. I love working with young people and I have a teenage daughter who is more than happy to let me know if I am being embarrassing!

I love to SCUBA dive, read and laugh. I also lived in Dubai for 9 years.



Mr Nicolson
Teacher of Maths

I have always really enjoyed maths, particularly maths-based puzzles and problem solving. I love watching a variety of sports like football and rugby, even if the teams I support always seem to lose these days! I also really like baking and music as well as a good holiday somewhere sunny!



Mr Farrow
Teacher of Maths

I love mathematics and I love music, and I think they have a lot in common. Both are creative, they induce emotion and thought, and both should be enjoyed in a social context. To keep me active, I enjoy hiking, playing table tennis and football.

SCIENCE



Ms Costelloe
Head of Faculty

Science is a real passion of mine!

In my spare time I like cooking, baking, knitting, watching rugby, walking and gardening - as well as spending time with my family and 2 burmese cats!



Mr Bone
Deputy Head of Faculty

I love to get on to the beach and go for long walks with my dog Purple. I spend all of my holidays in France visiting friends and family and maybe buying the odd antique.



Mrs Pettingel
Deputy Head of Faculty

I love bringing science to life in the classroom. A passion of mine is Biomedical science. In my spare time I spend lots of time walking my dog Buddy. I love baking and staying active. I'm always spending time with friends and family and planning my next holiday destination!



Mrs Isley
Vocational Manager

I love animals and help out on the farm at Oathall. Marine Biology is a particular interest and I love scuba diving to see amazing sea life. I spend much of my time walking my dog Einstein and love travelling to other countries.



Mr Anderson
Teacher of Science

I love riding my bike, reading, taking my dog Elphie for long walks in the countryside and playing double bass in the school orchestra.



Mrs Pringle
Enrichment Leader

Apart from science, which I clearly love, I also enjoy yoga, walking and spending time with my family. We love to travel to new and exciting places. Hopefully you will enjoy the yr7 science club we run as much as I do.



Mr Rivadulla
Teacher of Science

I love getting out and be able to play any racquet sports, having a special passion for tennis. I compete in amateur Sussex leagues. Cooking is another one of my secret passions and I love to experiment in my kitchen as if I was in a science lab.



Miss Dale
Teacher of Science

I really enjoy working with children of all ages and sharing knowledge. I play netball for Sussex and enjoy helping out the school's netball teams whenever I can. Another hobby of mine is spending time with my 6 pet rats, teaching them tricks and feeding them treats. Finally, I love spending time with family and friends.



Mr Streamer
Teacher of Science

I love to go rock climbing both indoors and outdoors. In the warmer months I can be found paddling along the coast on my standup paddleboard.

I look forward to meeting you in September.

PERFORMANCE



Miss Froud
Head of Faculty

I love the outdoors, particularly going out on my bike or kayaking in the sea. I love anything to do with sport but my favorite is tennis. I am a supporter of Liverpool FC and love to watch the Rugby Six Nations. Other than sport my interests include cooking, keeping fit and watching any film that stars Denzel Washington.



Mr Morris
Deputy Head of Faculty

My favourite sports are Football, Cricket, Skiing and Golf. I still play Cricket for my local club in the Sussex League and in the winter spend as much time as possible on the wonderful ski slopes of Switzerland. I am also a regular in the Gym trying to push a few weights!



Mrs Avery
Enrichment Leader,
Achievement and Voice

I love being outdoors and in the sunshine. When i'm not chasing after two small children, I play netball and go to the gym regularly. I am a big rugby fan and enjoy going to watch England play. I enjoy cooking and socialising but my favourite is going on holiday with my family.



Mr Tighe
Head of House -
Endeavour

As a PE teacher you will surprised to hear that I am mad about sport ! I play football which is my favourite sport but I also love watching and playing as much sport as possible. My favourite team is Manchester United. Outside of the world of sport I am absolutely fascinated by the Ancient Egyptians.



Miss Bousfield
Teacher of Drama

I love anything theatrical - from musicals on the West End to watching street performers at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Drama is a huge passion of mine! It means that you can expect a lot of singing and dramatic entrances to classrooms from me! I also love watching all different genres of films, reading a great book and walking along the seafront.



Miss Gyngell
Assistant Headteacher

I am fortunate enough to teach the two subjects that are closest to my heart, PE and food. I have the best job ever! My life centers around exercise, cooking, travelling, going to gigs, reading and walking my Border Collie Blue!



Mrs Mac Taggart
Learning Manager -
Music

I love all things musical and I play the piano, cello, drums and have just started learning to play clarinet. I play in a few ensembles and a community orchestra and I like singing too. My other favourite things to do are swimming, cycling and travelling to new places where I can explore local culture and music.



Mr Mills
Teacher of PE

I am a complete sports fanatic and love playing it, watching it and reading all about it. I currently love playing golf and completing adventures on my road bike. Outside my passion for sport I love travelling, trekking and camping and when I actually sit still reading! I also have a weakness for chocolate and doner kebabs!



Miss Murray
Inclusion Leader

I am a huge fan of being outdoors, no matter what the weather! I love going on long adventures on my bike or on foot. I enjoy watching live sport, I have been to watch the last two Olympics and plan on going next year too.

I enjoy trying new foods, the spicier the better!



Mrs Newman
Teacher of Drama

Hello! About me, I'm originally from the North East and have been teaching drama for almost 20 years! I love the theatre, especially musical theatre but also great acting in films and TV. Some of my favourite teaching experiences have been directing school productions. I have a 1 (almost 2) year old and she keeps me pretty busy so I haven't had much time for hobbies but do love singing and chocolate!



Mr Van Galen
Teacher of Music

Making music is what inspires me and ever since I picked up the trumpet in year 7 I have been hooked! I especially enjoy improvised music as you just don't know what will happen! When I am not performing or writing music I enjoy cooking food from all around the world, running, reading and watching just about any sport you can find including sumo wrestling!

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES



Mrs Sandford
Head of Faculty

I love teaching French, being a form tutor and spending time with friends and family. Hobbies include reading, baking, my allotment and travelling. I also enjoy watching films and picnics on the beach.



Miss Burch
Deputy Head of Faculty

I absolutely love teaching languages and visiting European countries at every opportunity! During my free time, my favourite things to do are visiting my family in Jersey, swimming in the sea, doing yoga, recreating my favourite Spanish and Italian dishes in the kitchen and going to concerts and festivals.



Miss Rus

I enjoy teaching languages, travelling and spending time with my family and friends. I also love music, reading, cooking, watching films and walking on the beach.



Ms Maddedu
Spanish Lead Teacher



Mrs Purse
Teacher of German
and French

I love teaching German and French and spending quality time with my family in Ireland. I also enjoy cooking , reading thrillers, watching films, shopping and long walks.

ART AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY



Mr Robinson
Head of Faculty

I love designing and making. And I love seeing students create their own Ideas. My hobbies include cycling swimming and skiing and I have been running the ski trip at Oathall for 22 years. Both my boys are at university and we have a fox red labrador dog called Ruby.



Mrs Smith-Hashim
Deputy Head of Faculty

I love art, craft and design, being creative with media and discovering new artists. My classroom is like a mini gallery, full of students' amazing artwork. I have a busy family life with three children and a french bulldog called Bella. I enjoy long walks along the beach.



Mr Fitzpatrick
Head of House - Pioneer

I love Liverpool FC, walking on the Downs with my family and going to the cinema.



Mrs Clutton
Teacher of Art and Design Technology

I am a keen triathlete and love open water swimming (I have been known to get stuck in my wetsuit!) I have four children and 2 naughty guinea pigs called Batman and Penguin.



Mrs Kirkpatrick
Enrichment Leader

I love teaching DT and child development. I've been at Oathall for 20 years! I enjoy gardening and growing my own vegetables, going for walks in the country with my family and doing craft activities with my two little girls who keep me on my toes!



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Mrs Sweeting
Teacher of Art and Design Technology

I love teaching Art and I am a practising artist outside of school. I enjoy all things creative and specialise in drawing and printmaking. I love seeing live music and have a lovely family including two young cats.



Miss Toal
Teacher of Art and Design Technology

I am a practicing artist creating a mixture of digital and craft based works. I mainly focus on photography, digital drawing, sewing and knitting.

I love teaching Art because it gives students the freedom to play with different media and a chance for self expression.

In my spare time I go to gigs and love art and music festivals.

FARM



Mr Blackholly
Head of Farm Unit

Teaching remains a personal passion and being able to manage our unique farm is a real privilege. The extra curricular club and vocational courses, provide a wonderful opportunity for students to learn a wide range of team, life and interpersonal skills. I also work for a local charity that supports students with disabilities and is a big part of my life. I have, throughout my teaching career, either in P.E or as Head of Year, tried to make a difference to young lives.

HUMANITIES



Mr Moore
Head of Faculty

I enjoy being outdoors, I like walking in the countryside with my family. I like to get away from things by going camping. My biggest passion is traveling to exciting new places with different scenery, wildlife, culture and food. In my spare time at home I like reading and playing sports such as football and hockey.



Mrs Lindsley
Deputy Head of Faculty
Learning Leader

From trekking inside the crater of a volcano and spotting humpback whales in Iceland to exploring large Slovenian caves - I love experiencing what the natural world has to offer! When I'm not adventuring, I'm running, eating buttery mash, watching darts, having family fun, camping and crocheting rainbow blankets!



Mrs McMillan
Deputy Head of Faculty

I love teaching RE and PSHE and being able to have thought-provoking discussions about global and ethical issues. In my spare time I enjoy family beach days in the summer, camping, music and outdoor swimming.



Mrs Arlington
Teacher of History

I love stories and for me history is one big story. It also helps us understand why we are here! Besides history, I love art, country music and the colour yellow. If I'm not in my classroom I am probably on a mountain, skiing, or on my sofa cuddling my cat Daisy.



Mr Edwards
Learning Manager -
History

One of the things I love most about history is investigating the many scandals and mysteries it has left us with! In my spare time I enjoy reading, running (very slowly) and tiring out my two small children in the great outdoors.



Ms Green
Assistant Headteacher

Having taught PE for many years, I moved into the classroom and now teach RE and PSHE. These are such great subjects, they allow young people a safe place to discuss topics that affect them and society and to learn how to form their own opinions yet, respecting those of others. I still love sport and the outdoors.



Mrs Garrick
Enrichment Leader
Teacher of Geography

I love being outdoors especially in the countryside and by the sea. I also swim every week. I like to meet up with friends and family when I can. I love travelling and have spent quite a lot of time in Australia, New Zealand, North America and many other places around the world.



Mr Hastings
Teacher of History

I love history, especially military history and the two World Wars in particular. I also love the great outdoors, and getting out and exploring new places. I am also an avid Martial Artist. I like finding out new things and listening to people about their experiences. I love time with my children and showing and teaching them new things.



Mrs Hatchard
Assistant Headteacher

I believe geography is the most interesting subject on the planet! It is so exciting finding out new things about the world around us. In my spare time I enjoy reading, running, cooking and going to the theatre. I also really love spending time with my husband and two children.



Mrs Holmes
Teacher of History

I love teaching history as it is all about people and that makes it fascinating. I also enjoy getting out into the beautiful Sussex countryside and going for walks with my family and Millie the dog. Cooking, reading, swimming and travelling are some of my favourite things to do.



Mr Parry
Head of House - Voyager

I love teaching Religious Education and PSHE. I think they are some of the most important subjects because they are all about understanding other people and ourselves. My favourite part of RE is debating big questions like 'does God exist?' In my spare time I love long walks with my wife and daughter.



Miss Sanders
Teacher of Humanities

I really enjoy teaching across the Humanities Faculty, as it means I can fully appreciate the relationships between the different subjects, and share my wider knowledge with the students! I also love hill walking and cycling, and I've just returned from a 24 mile ride this morning!



Miss Blunden
Teacher of Geography

I absolutely love geography and all things environmental! Most of my hobbies revolve around the outdoors; I am a huge fan of skiing, sailing and swimming. This is my first year of teaching, and I am excited to be at Oathall with you. I graduated from university in 2020 with a degree in Geography and International Development. I then completed my teacher training this year just in time to be starting at Oathall this September.



Miss Quinnell
Teacher of History

I am originally from Kent and have also lived in Australia, Jersey and now Sussex! I love History especially learning about women's history and what people in the past did to help us today. I'm a vegetarian so in my spare time I love cooking and discovering new veggie recipes! I also enjoy walking and spending time at the beach come rain or shine! I also love to travel and explore new places.