



WOOTTON PARK

'Ipsum quod faciendum est diutius'

What a fantastic first week to the new school year! I feel extremely privileged to see our school grow with new learners and new staff. It has been wonderful to see our year 1 and year 8 learners help our new learners with their transition to Wootton Park School.

As shared previously, we have appointed the very best staff to teach and nurture your children. Over the next two newsletters, we will share their background. This week: the amazing new teaching staff who joined this week!

Welcome to 2017-18!

Dan Rosser
Principal



Mr Joel Cooper
Curriculum Leader of English

Joel achieved QTS at Warwick University in 2009, specialising in English and Drama. In his 8 years within the profession, Joel has worked as a teacher of English, Assistant Head of English at Ashlawn School in Rugby and most recently as Head of English at Stratford-upon-Avon Girls' Grammar School.

Before embarking on a career in Education, Joel studied English and Film Studies at Exeter University where he also became heavily involved in the Drama and Media societies.



Ms Kim Walker
Curriculum Leader of Science

Kim graduated from Loughborough University with a BSc in Chemistry, and upon graduating went on to work in an SEND school as a teaching assistant which sparked her passion for teaching. Kim returned to Loughborough to gain a PGCE in Secondary Science Education with Qualified Teacher Status. In the 5 years she has been teaching, she has been Key Stage 3 Science Curriculum Lead, Assistant Curriculum Lead to 3 key stages, Year 11 tutor and mentored many trainee teachers.



Mr Robert Kilcoyne
Curriculum Leader of Modern Foreign Languages

Rob joins us as Head of Languages, having been Co-ordinator for Languages at Northampton School for Boys, where he worked for five years. Previously, Rob taught in an inner-city Liverpool comprehensive. Rob holds degrees in Law from the Université de Paris 1 (Pantheon-Sorbonne) and the University of Liverpool, a PGCE (French and Spanish), and a Master of Education from Cambridge University. Rob has taught French, Spanish and Latin, alongside other subjects at all age ranges, in the UK and abroad.

Rob volunteers with a local charity through Northampton Cathedral, and also works with Northamptonshire Youth Offending Service. He enjoys travel and hill-walking, helping lead the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at schools since 2010.





Mr Adam Cowdell
Curriculum Leader of Physical Education & PSHE

Adam has held a number of pastoral roles at his previous school, including being a Head of Year. He has also been whole school Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator as well as holding numerous departmental positions, including in charge of Sports Leadership.

Having gained a 2:1 in Education Studies and Sport from Bishop Grosseteste University, Adam gained Qualified Teacher Status from the University of Bedfordshire in 2012, where he was recognised by the university for his excellent level of professionalism and commitment to whole school learning, whilst working unstintingly to achieve active pupil engagement.

In his spare time, Adam is a keen sportsman and runner, and has completed the London Marathon recently with the aim to complete more long-distance running events in the future.



Mr Jake Shaw
Teacher of Maths

After completing a BSc degree in Geology from the University of Birmingham Jake decided to transfer back to mathematics, the subject which he enjoys the most, having attained A*AA in Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Physics A-levels, and thoroughly enjoys teaching. He completed his Maths PGCE training at Edge Hill University where he achieved outstanding grades in all aspects.

Jake has been a member of the Scouting Association for many years, a role which has developed many skills and ideas for him to bring to our school.



Mrs Hannah Beecher
Teacher of Year 1

Hannah joins us as a Year 1 Teacher. Hannah graduated with a 2:1 BA (Hons) degree in Primary Education and with qualified teacher status. Hannah has been teaching for 7 years and has experience of teaching across the primary phase. Hannah has led many different curriculum subjects in her previous school and in addition been part of the senior leadership team.



Ms Sophie Brook
Teacher of Humanities

Sophie joins us as a Humanities teacher with a specialism in History.

Sophie recently graduated from the University of Chester with a 1st in History with Archaeology (BA Hons) and completed her PGCE with the University of Leicester. She has a passion for helping bring the past to life for all her students.

Outside of school Sophie enjoys live music, camping and watching films.





Mrs Natalie Green
Teacher of EYFS

Natalie recently graduated from the University of Northampton with a 2:1 in Primary Education with QTS (BA Hons). She is an Art and Design Specialist who is passionate about providing a stimulating and creative learning experience for all.

Outside of school Natalie enjoys spending time with her family, visiting new places and exploring art galleries.



Mrs Rebecca Metcalfe
Teacher of Year 1

Rebecca holds a BA Hons Degree in Community and Applied Dance Theatre and a PGCE in primary education.

Her experience has been gained working across different year groups in both Primary and EYFS phases over the last few years.

Rebecca has also been a Science and EYFS lead.



Mr Joshua Knight
Teacher of English

Josh studied Social Policy at the University of Birmingham and graduated with a 2:1 in 2012. After graduating he worked in a primary school in Northampton before moving to Thailand where he worked as an English teacher for a year teaching English as a foreign language (TEFL). When Josh returned to England he undertook the Teach First graduate scheme and completed his PGCE through The University of Nottingham.

After his initial training and NQT year Josh began working at Caroline Chisholm School to gain experience of working in an outstanding English department in order to develop his teaching practice. When Josh saw the opportunity to work at a new school and contribute to its growth, ethos and development he had to be involved!



Ms Sophie Reynolds
Teacher of PE

Sophie holds a 2:1 BSC Hons in Sport and Exercise Science. Sophie joins us from Northampton School for Girls where she was a key member of the PE department including playing a large role in leading extra-curricular clubs and fixtures. Away from school, Sophie's main interest is hockey where she has been a representative of a number of clubs including playing in the National League and captaining the Milton Keynes Ladies 1st team to league success and a national final.



Acorns

'From Little Acorns... Great Oaks Grow!'

We are delighted that our Wrap Around Care provision has grown and is led by **Wendy Warringder, our Wrap Around Care Manager.**



Wendy has come from 2 years at Northampton School for Boys as sole carer of a learner with physical disabilities. She also took Literacy Interventions with year 10, 1:1 with numerous students, behaviour management and mentoring sessions. Prior to this Wendy spent five and a half years at Northampton School for Girls as a Learning Support Assistant and Carer, again this included mentoring vulnerable students across all year groups. Amongst her various qualifications is the NVQ 3 in Early Years & Childcare.

Wendy is supported by our Wrap Around Care Assistants Ms Alana Odell and Mrs Andrea Debono.

For more information regarding our Wrap Around Care Provision, please do contact the school office.



Site Update

Thank you for your patience over recent months whilst plans for our new school buildings have been negotiated and agreed.

We can confirm that the new state-of-the-art buildings will be located at the top the Wootton Hall Estate that is currently occupied by the old Mereway Police Station. The acquisition of this land will ensure we have a brand new build, rather than a part conversation. This will enable us to provide a truly bespoke learning environment designed and equipped to educating our children to the very highest standards. Work with the architects has already begun and we look forward to updating you with more detailed plans as the new academic year progresses.

Learner Breakfast

Breakfast facilities are available every morning for our year 7 and year 8 learners. Our canteen is open from 8am for a hot or cold breakfast. Items on offer to buy include a bacon butty, cereal, toast, hot chocolate, and juice.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of any of the following, your child may be eligible for free school meals.

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, with no element of Working Tax Credit, and a household income below £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs)
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit

How to apply

Check your eligibility and apply for free school meals via Northamptonshire County Council

Contact the free school meals team

If you require any help or support in checking your eligibility for free school meals, please do contact freeschoolmeals@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Next week's newsletter to include:

More staff introductions
Library Bus Update!

