



ST MICHAEL'S
Church of England High School

TEAM Transition



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TEAM TRANSITION STAFF



HI! MY NAME IS...

Mrs Faulkner

Mrs Faulkner's job role: Transition Coordinator and Teacher of PE

Mrs Faulkner's personality: I am a loud and bossy individual with a kind heart. I am an excellent listener and empathetic, but don't break the rules as I am a stickler to follow procedures!

Mrs Faulkner's favourite subjects when she was at school: PE, Biology and English Literature

What Mrs Faulkner loves about working at St Michael's: The ethos and the family spirit we all have to look after each other. Everyone, staff, pupils, parents all have the same goal to ensure St Michael's students develop into the BEST they can be. I also LOVE the sports facilities we have.

What Mrs Faulkner was worried about when starting St Michael's: The staffroom!

How does Mrs Faulkner's role support transition at St Michael's: I liaise with all of our feeder primary schools to find out all about the students that will be transitioning to us. Hoping this supports your journey to us. I am passionate about what you learn when you get to St Michael's. I will ensure that what you are taught is relevant to every day life and your learning journey sets you up to be successful when you reach Year 11 and beyond.





HI! MY NAME IS...

Mrs Graham

Mrs Graham's job role: Senior Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) (Transition, Years 7, 10 & 11) and Focus Provision Lead

Mrs Graham's personality: Happy, relaxed and a good listener.

Mrs Graham's favourite subjects when she was at school: ICT, English Language and Food Technology

What Mrs Graham love's about working at St Michael's: Fantastic building and all the staff and students are so inclusive; we are like one big family.

What Mrs Graham was worried about when starting St Michael's: I'd been at my last school for 14 years, so I was worried about developing friendships with new colleagues and the students. I was also worried about all the new procedures that I had to learn about working in a different school.

How does Mrs Graham's role support transition at St Michael's: I support the SEND Team to ensure that the students get all the help and provision that they need in school.

HI! MY NAME IS...

Mr Howden

Mr Howden's Job Role: Head of Year 7 and a History Teacher

Mr Howden's Personality: I am firm but fair and like a joke to lighten the day.

Mr Howden's favourite subjects when he was at school: History, science and RE

What Mr Howden loves about working at St Michael's: I love working at St Michael's because it feels like one big family who are always there to support you in any way that they can.

What Mr Howden was worried about when starting St Michael's: I was worried about understanding how people spoke; being from Devon I did not have a clue about some of the words used by the lovely people of the Black Country (although I'm an old pro now)!

How does Mr Howden's role support transition at St Michael's: As Head of Year 7, I will introduce myself to you during your first week at school and join you on your journey through secondary school. As your Head of Year, I am here to support you and make sure you settle into St Michael's as quickly as possible





HI! MY NAME IS...

Mrs Whitehouse

Mrs Whitehouse's job role: School Engagement Development Manager - I lead Student Voice and work closely with the Pastoral Team to develop whole school initiatives and events.

Mrs Whitehouse's personality: I am enthusiastic, caring and a bit of a perfectionist.

Mrs Whitehouse's favourite subjects when she was at school: Dance and English

What Mrs Whitehouse loves about working at St Michael's: I love the sense of compassion and community that is embedded in our school ethos. We are a school that really cares! Students are given a range of opportunities to develop both emotionally and academically, which makes it a really special place to work.

What Mrs Whitehouse was worried about when starting St Michael's: I was worried if I would fit in but I was made to feel welcome by everyone.

How does Mrs Whitehouse's role support transition at St Michael's: I help Student Voice to develop resources and workshops for primary school students alongside Miss Preston.

HI! MY NAME IS...

Mrs W Hill

Mrs Hill's job role: Associate Assistant Headteacher – Behaviour and Head of Year Manager

Mrs Hill's personality: I am enthusiastic, energetic, encouraging and love finding solutions to problems.

Mrs Hill's favourite subjects when she was at school: Design Technology and PE

What Mrs Hill loves about working at St Michael's: I love the positive community ethos that is embedded in our school values. A whole school team approach between school and students!

What Mrs Hill was worried about when starting St Michael's: The big change of job and the environment and we all sometimes have these worrying feelings. This is just like the transition between primary to secondary school - it can be one of the biggest changes in a young person's life, so many of you might be feeling nervous. However, we want you to know that we will be here every step of the way to help you feel comfortable and confident at St Michael's.

How does Mrs Hill's role support transition at St Michael's: As part of my role I support the pastoral team and oversee the behaviour within the school.





HI! MY NAME IS...

Mrs Owen

Mrs Owen's job role: Learning Support Practitioner - Level 4

Mrs Owen's personality: I am very cheerful and friendly. I am always in a jovial mood.

Mrs Owen's favourite subjects when she was at school: English

What Mrs Owen love's about working at St Michael's: I love that we are an inclusive school, where everyone has a equal opportunity to reach their full potential.

What Mrs Owen was worried about when starting St Michael's: Meeting lots of new people and finding my way around school.

How does Mrs Owen's role support transition at St Michael's: In my role, I help students to settle into their new class and become familiar with their new form tutor and class mates. I answer any questions you may have, and guide you to learn your way around school with confidence.

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HI! MY NAME IS...

Miss Rukar

Miss Rukar's job role: Learning Support Assistant

Miss Rukar's personality: A mixture of all things nice!

Miss Rukar's favourite subjects when she was at school: I looked forward to every subject at school. I'd like to think I am a woman of many talents, but I am a terrible cook! So when we're cooking in Year 7, please remember to ask me if I need any help – I will most definitely need it!

What Miss Rukar loves about working at St Michael's: My most favourite thing about St Michael's is, without a doubt, the iced cake from the canteen! I may not be able to cook but I can definitely eat!

What Miss Rukar was worried about when starting St Michael's: I wasn't worried about starting work at St Michael's, I was excited! Starting a new school or job is an amazing opportunity to make great friends and learn something new.

How does Miss Rukar's role support transition at St Michael's: I have the best role in transition, because I get to work with you!





HI! MY NAME IS...

Mrs D Hill

Mrs Hill's job role: Learning Support Assistant

Mrs Hill's personality: I am firm but fair.

Mrs Hill's favourite subjects when you were at school: History and Food Technology

What Mrs Hill loves about working at St Michael's: The best thing about St Michael's for me are the staff. They are all really friendly and will always try to help you reach your best. Oh and...the view from the top floor windows.

What Mrs Hill was worried about when starting St Michael's: Like you, meeting a new set of people but I know after a couple of weeks everything will be fine. Of course, the size of the building too. It feels so big at first. The way I remember my way around is by thinking of the school like it is a person:

Top Floor - Head/Brain - ICT, Science, Maths
Middle Floor - Heart - Humanities/English/MFL
Ground Floor - Feet - DT/PE/ Art/Music

How does Mrs Hill's role support transition at St Michael's: Just to be there. To be someone you can come to if you have a problem or you get lost (you will at some point - I still do sometimes). Not to do everything for you but to help you achieve the best you possible can in your lessons. To help you enjoy your time at St Michael's.



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MEET THE

LIBRARY TEAM



HI! MY NAME IS...

Gemma

Gemma's role: Learning Resource Centre Manager

Gemma's Personality: I am approachable, friendly and like to laugh!

Gemma's favourite subjects include: Design Technology, English Literature and hiding in the library when possible!

What Gemma loves about St Michael's: The things that I love about St Michael's are the sense of community and belonging, the friendly staff and students, and, obviously, the library is the best place to be.

What Gemma was worried about when starting St Michael's: I was worried about getting lost and being able to remember all the students names; I still can't now, but nobody ever seems to mind.





HI! MY NAME IS...

Sally

Sally's role: Learning Resource Centre Manager

Sally's Personality: I am friendly, helpful and full of enthusiasm!

Sally's favourite subjects include: I really enjoy History and English, but the subject that I most enjoy is Dance because it makes me happy.

What Sally loves about St Michael's: I love that the staff at St Michael's are passionate about helping the students to achieve their full potential and that it is very clear that the students enjoy being a part of the St Michael's community.

What Sally was worried about when starting St Michael's: I wasn't sure whether the students would be welcoming, however, I was quickly put at ease by their friendly and helpful manner around school. The students at St Michael's are a credit to the school.