



ST MICHAEL'S
Church of England High School

TEAM *Transition*



HI! MY NAME IS...

Write your name above

Fill out your profile below

Personality:

Lessons I am looking forward to:

What I am looking forward to about St Michael's:

What I am worried about when starting St Michael's:

Draw a picture of
yourself below.



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HI! MY NAME IS...

Mrs Faulkner

Mrs Faulkner's job role: Head of Year 7 & Transition Coordinator

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. As a PE Teacher 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 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 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...

Miss Caan

Miss Caan's job role: Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) (Year 8 and 9)

Miss Caan's personality: I am happy, fun and bubbly. I always smile, that goes a long way!

Miss Caan's favourite subjects when she was at school: History and Art

What Miss Caan loves about working at St Michael's: I love working at St Michael's because it is a really caring school. All the staff will always help you; we work as a team and that's really important. I enjoy seeing the smile on a student's face.

What Miss Caan was worried about when starting St Michael's: When I first started, I didn't know anybody, but that soon changed because everyone is so friendly. I have some great friends now at St Michael's.

How does Miss Caan's role support transition at St Michael's: I oversee anyone who may need extra support. It's really important we support everyone and make them feel welcome. Lots of students have lots of different needs, and I make sure these needs are met; these can be physical, medical or academic.

HI! MY NAME IS...

Miss Preston

Miss Preston's job role: Assistant Head of Year 7, Transition, Behaviour & Refocus Liaison

Miss Preston's personality: I am honest, trustworthy, positive, hardworking and smiley.

Miss Preston's favourite subjects when she was at school: Music, Dance, History, English & DT

What Miss Preston loves about working at St Michael's: I came to St Michael's as a student myself and it feels like home to me. The professional relationships and effort staff put in to make pupils feel welcome, safe, encouraged and able to learn and develop positively is outstanding - I honestly couldn't see myself working anywhere else!

What was Miss Preston worried about when starting St Michael's: Honestly, I wasn't worried because everyone was so helpful, understanding and supportive from the start, so I felt at ease. I never felt worried or anxious to ask questions or get help because everyone is supportive and approachable.

How does Miss Preston's Role support transition at St Michael's: My role is very much all systems go when it comes to working with the new Year 7s. From meeting pupils when they are still in Year 6 and discussing transition information, to getting to know pupils and answering any burning questions they might have. Supporting Year 7s all the way through their first year of secondary school, with challenges both in school and outside of school that pupils may face, is not just a job to me, it's a passion and it is an incredibly rewarding role.





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:

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 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 an 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 classmates. I answer any questions you may have and guide you to learn your way around school with confidence.





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 is 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.





HI! MY NAME IS...

Miss Cooper

Miss Cooper's job role: Learning Support Assistant

Miss Cooper's personality: Bubbly and sweet.

Miss Cooper's favourite subjects when she was at school: I really loved – and still do – Art, Textiles and D&T at school. I love making things and getting crafty with drawing and creating art.

What Miss Cooper loves about working at St Michael's: I love how friendly and kind all the pupils and staff are at the school, and everyone always has a smile.

What Miss Cooper was worried about when starting St Michael's: Getting lost! I was very worried as the school is so big but now, I can guide you to wherever you need to go.

How does Miss Cooper's role support transition at St Michael's: I can't wait to help you settle in and enjoy the school as much as I do. I have not long been at St Michael's, so I completely understand the nerves and excitement for a new place. You will love it here, and I will help you every step of the way at your new school.

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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.