



Monday 5th July

Dear Parents/Carers

HJS Staffing for Academic Year 2021-22

As the end of the summer term approaches, and the new academic year is in sight, we would like to share the changes in staffing for the coming year. Whilst we are losing some very talented staff we're delighted that HJS will remain fully staffed with an excellent team.

Staff Leaving

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Melissa Talbot, Miss Emily Jackson, Miss Georgia Stanley, Mrs Sarah Aarons, Miss Lizzie O'Reilly and Mrs Jacqui Jopson at the end of this term.

Miss Talbot, as you know, will be starting her PhD in preparation for a new career as an Educational Psychologist. She has been part of HPP for 9 years and was a class teacher at HJS but became our Inclusion Leader 3 years ago.

Miss Jackson will be leaving to join Cappella House which is a new specialist provision opening within the local authority. Miss Jackson is excited to be continuing her career within this specialist setting. She has been a member of HPP for 4 years, a Year 2 class teacher and more latterly she was working as the SEND Lead Teacher.

Miss Stanley has only been with us a year but has also accepted a position at a specialist provision locally which she is excited to be joining.

Mrs Aarons has been a member of the HPP team for 5 years as a part time teacher and has taught across the school. This year she has worked hard to build up the school provision for mental health and wellbeing.

Mrs Jopson is a Teaching Assistant in 3S and she will be leaving to start a teaching training course.

Miss O'Reilly is a Teaching Assistant in Year 3 who will be starting her undergraduate degree.

Saying goodbye to these beloved staff is always very hard but I know you will join me in thanking them for their tremendous contributions to HJS, and to wish them every success for the future in their new roles and endeavours.





New Appointments

HPP SEND Lead Teacher

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Chloe Hughes will be our new HPP SEND Lead Teacher from September. This is an area that Mrs Hughes feels passionate about and was the basis of her Masters Degree.

New Teachers to HJS

We are pleased to introduce you to the following new members of staff:

Mrs Lisa Maxted - Inclusion Leader

Mrs Maxted will be joining HPP as our Inclusion Leader. This is a key role for HPP and we are delighted Mrs Maxted will be joining us. She is an experienced Inclusion Leader and comes from a large local primary school.

My name is Lisa Maxted and I am really excited to be joining HPP in September. I have worked in various roles supporting children with SEND for 14 years: my roles have included 1-1 support, teacher in charge of specialist resourced provision and Inclusion Leader. When not at school, I enjoy spending time with my family, particularly spending time with my children and walking my dog - although it often looks like he is walking me.

Miss Zoe Baxevanidis (5B)

Hello! I am Miss Baxevanidis and I will be 5B's class teacher starting from September. I am Irish and Greek and have a passion for languages and maths. This will be my first appointment and I am so looking forward to meeting your children and to a successful new academic year ahead!

Miss Hannah Bienge (4B)

Hi I'm Miss Bienge. I've recently moved to the area and am so excited to become part of the community. I've worked in education for 14 years. Initially as a EFL teacher, then an EFL School Director. I retrained as a primary school teacher in 2015 and have loved every minute.

Since then, I've gained experience in both KS1 and KS2. I am currently teaching in Year 3 and have taught Year 5 three times so I feel very well placed to teach Year 4. My interests include bouldering, going to art galleries (the more immersive the better), listening to funny podcasts, going to gigs and more recently, and probably my most frequent activity, collecting sticks in the park with my 2 year old.





Miss Michelle Kennedy (6GK)

My name is Miss Kennedy and I am so excited to be joining HJS in September. I have heard such amazing things about you all as a community and was so impressed when I came to visit. I will be teaching in Year 6 two days a week in 6G which I am delighted about. I understand how important and special your child’s last year at primary school is and feel privileged to be a part of it. I will also, hopefully, get to know lots more of the pupils and therefore you as parents, in other year groups, as I will cover PPA in some other classes. I have been teaching for many years, but am always keen to learn new things and I am sure the students of HJS will all help me learn the new routines and rules of your fantastic school. I cannot wait to meet and work with you all and I promise to strive to do all I can to ensure each child I teach is the best that they can be!

They are all excited to be joining such an excellent school and partnership.

Leadership Appointments.

Miss Gemma Delaney has started her maternity leave and Mrs Liz Hawes has taken her place on the leadership team until she returns.

New Classes for September

This morning, all the children in HPP (Reception to Year 5) met their new class teacher for the coming academic year and have spent the morning getting to know each other. There will be additional opportunities for children in Year 3 and 4 to mix with their new classes before the end of term.

As a school we mix the children into new classes at the end of year 3. The majority will have been together for at least 3 years and the class profile often changes, becoming unbalanced. Making new friends is an important skill but we do emphasise that this is about children who work well together. Last year, due to the partial school closure, we didn’t mix the children in Year 3 and so have taken the decision to mix the current Year 4 children before they begin Year 5. We feel the current Year 4 children will really benefit from this. If your child is currently in Year 3 or 4 you will receive your child’s new class list for your information. Please take time to discuss this with your child and remember to reinforce the positive aspects of new classes and the opportunity to make new friendships.

HJS Class Teachers 2021-22

| Class Teacher | Class name (2021-22) | Current class (2020-21) |
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| Tom Elson | 3E | 2D |
| Hannah Harden | 3H | 2S |





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| Rina Miah | 3M | 2P |
| Natasha Smith | 3S | 2T |
| Hannah Bienge | 4B | New Class Mix |
| George Graves | 4G | New Class Mix |
| Nabilah Mahmood/TBC | 4M | New Class Mix |
| Thea Woolf | 4W | New Class Mix |
| Zoe Baxevanidis | 5B | New Class Mix |
| Liz Hawes | 5H | New Class Mix |
| Lydia Newton | 5N | New Class Mix |
| Daisy Peaty | 5P | New Class Mix |
| Eve Cooper | 6C | 5P |
| Anna Gale & Michelle Kennedy | 6GK | 5H |
| Lily Smith | 6S | 5N |

If you have any questions regarding the staffing for the coming academic year please don't hesitate to contact us at office.hjs@hpp.school

Finally

We are incredibly proud of all of the staff at HPP. Even during these trying times they continue to demonstrate outstanding commitment to the children. They have continued to work incredibly hard, and shown passion in everything they do. HJS and HISN are excellent schools because of the staff.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Lockey
Executive Headteacher

