

Welcome

Head of Year: Mr Francis

Hi, my name is Mr Francis, your Head of Year. I have been teaching for 7 years and have been a Head of Year since 2024.

I currently teach maths up to GCSE so I will hopefully be to lots of you a classroom teacher too. In my free time I enjoy listening to music, watching TV, mainly Anime, as well as coaching and taking part in athletics. I have a 2-year-old son and three cats who I love spending time with. Leicester City is my home, so I am an avid supporter of both LCFC (sadly) and Tigers. My second home is in the gym where I enjoy powerlifting, this helps me to stay physically and mentally strong.



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Registration Group: Mr Bradshaw

Hi. I'm Mr Bradshaw and I look forward to meeting you, either as part of my tutor group or just around the school.

I teach English but love infusing my lessons with creative design and media activities to keep them varied. My speciality is in poetry and modern fiction, but I also love reading Shakespeare, watching a variety of different movies and listening to music. I love travelling, particularly along the coast, and spend a good portion of my summer holidays walking many miles across beaches, coastlines, forests and exploring places of interest. At home, I have a deep passion for playing video games and occasionally writing a collection of short stories I have been working on for many years, but I still haven't finished.

I am positive you will have a great experience at Guilsborough Academy.



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Registration Group: Mr Mayes

My name is Andrew Mayes.

I have been working as a teacher for approximately twenty years, specialising in Computer Science, ICT and Media. Throughout my career, I have remained deeply passionate about technology and its creative potential. I particularly enjoy using computers and a range of digital tools to design and build projects such as computer programs, mobile applications, games, as well as producing music and video content.

Alongside my interest in computing, I have a long-standing enthusiasm for music. I enjoy both creating and recording music in my spare time and play several musical instruments, with the piano being my favourite.

Outside of my professional and musical interests, I am an avid fan of motor racing and have a strong appreciation for cars. I regularly attend motor racing events, where I take great pleasure in capturing high-energy moments through photography and video.

I also enjoy exploring different cuisines, particularly spicy food. While I appreciate good food, cooking is not one of my strengths, so I prefer to eat out at restaurants whenever I can.

My favourite animals are whales and cats. Although I admire whales for their size and presence in the natural world, I believe cats make far more suitable pets.



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Registration Group: Mr Jackson

Hello, I'm Mr Jackson, and I'm delighted to be your child's form tutor.

I'm the Head of Performing Arts here at Guilsborough Academy, where I teach Drama, and this September marks the start of my 14th year at the school—a place I genuinely love. I have worked in education for 20 years and have previously served as a Head of Year, so supporting students pastorally is something I value greatly.

I also direct our annual school musical, which is always a highlight of the year. Outside of school, I'm a Leicester City supporter and a big fan of the Arts. I even trained at Drama School, where I was taught by Toby Jones who played Dobie in the Harry Potter films.



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Registration Group: Miss Ercan

Hi, my name is Miss Ercan and I teach Science, specialising in Chemistry. I have been teaching for two years and before becoming a teacher I worked in science research and healthcare.

I love science because there is still so much about the universe that we do not know, and I enjoy helping students explore and understand the world around them.

In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my Siberian Husky, Loki, and my Bearded Dragon, Zeke. I also enjoy listening to podcasts, playing chess and learning new things.



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Registration Group: Mr Tapley

Hello, I'm Mr Tapley, one of the Year 7 tutors for next year. I have been teaching Design Technology for over 20 years, and my specialisms are in Electronics and Product Design.

In my spare time I like board games, tabletop gaming & role-playing games (including DnD). I often go to the theatre and I love films – particularly Marvel & DC.

Travelling is my passion and I have visited 23 different countries all over the world. Closer to home I like visiting castles and stately homes.

I have two rabbits named after Shakespearian characters.



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Registration Group: Mrs Shiels

Hello, my name is Mrs Shiels, your form tutor. I have been teaching for 30 years and have been a form tutor for all of those years. I have been at Guilsborough since 2013.

I currently teach geography with some humanities and life skills and I am head of the geography department. I try to organise many field trips for students, including trips to places like Iceland and Italy. I also volunteer to help with the school's Duke of Edinburgh programme on expeditions for bronze, silver and gold. In my spare time I enjoy running and strength training to keep fit and healthy, but also so I can enjoy the cakes I like to bake. I sometimes bring the cakes I bake into school to share with teachers and students. I look forward to meeting you all and helping you on your journey through Guilsborough Academy.



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Registration Group: Miss Sparks

Hello, my name is Miss Sparks I will be a form tutor for year 7. My career is just starting but I am ecstatic to be working to nurture the cohort to achieve anything they believe.

I currently teach Social Sciences at GCSE and A-Level with a degree in Psychology with Counselling. But this means I will see the students all the way through. I am eager to encourage students to be passionate about their subjects in the same way I am passionate about teaching. In my free time I am an avid reader, I also love to watch TV and socialise with my family. My love for all things psychological keeps me engaged as I feel that the young mind is the foundation of our future, with this I aim to foster critical thinking and a love for learning within my classroom.



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