

Hello!

My name is Mrs Patel, and I just wanted to write this letter as an opportunity to introduce myself and some of my amazing colleagues in the English Department. As we won't be meeting you until September, I thought it might help you settle in better if you knew a little bit more about who we are and what we do before hand, so that you are already familiar with us.

Firstly, I would like to introduce you to Miss Parker, the Director of Learning for English and Literacy. Miss Parker joined the English department last September and primarily leads on KS4 and KS5. You will most likely see her zooming around the corridors in between lessons whilst she is on duty, or when she is moving between classrooms.



Next, we have Mrs Dulwich, the Head of English. Mrs Dulwich oversees KS3 and has been teaching at Jo Richardson for five years; she knows the school inside out! A lot of the curriculum you study and the way in which we assess you has been inspired and formulated by her. If you have any questions about the department, Mrs Dulwich is a good person to ask.

Miss Meehan also joined the department last September and is our KS3 Coordinator. Miss Meehan runs the school Debate Club (with Mr Watts) and is a great person to ask for advice, as she herself used to be a student at JRCS when she was younger! She will also be making sure there are lots of opportunities outside of the classroom for you to get involved in.



Finally – me! I am the Year 7 English Cohort Manager and I have been at JRCS for three years. As well as being an English teacher, my role is to oversee that your teachers have all the resources they need to teach you. I also select and work with smaller groups of students throughout the year group that may benefit from having a little extra support with progression in the subject area. In the past some of the methods used have been mentoring, working on action plans with the relevant

English teachers, liaising with parents and offering workshops and trips that support the learning being done in the classroom.

To help prepare you and keep you busy over the summer holidays, I have put together a suggested reading list of modern diverse books that you might find are an interesting read. If you do get a chance to read any of the titles, I would love for you to email me or write a report that you can bring to school in September, outlining what you thought of it. The list is on a separate PDF link in this section.

Unfortunately your timetables are not currently ready, but when they are, please take a look at the English section on the school website; it will allow you to match a face to the name of the teacher you will have. In the mean-time, if you have any other English related queries, you will find our email addresses at the back of 'The Power of Words' booklet ('supporting your child in English 2020' PDF) that can be found in the Transition section of the school website.

We in the English Department are extremely excited about meeting you all. Have a lovely, relaxed holiday, and we shall see you very soon.

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