

RUSHCLIFFE
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All about your Year 7 Team

Hello once again Year 6,

I hope you are all keeping well and feeling excited for your move to Rushcliffe.

The last time we spoke, I introduced myself as your Head of Year. Since then, alongside our Principal, Mr Painton and Assistant Principal, Mr Crawley, I have been reading your 'All About Me' profiles you shared with us. It is lovely to find out about your interests and I am really looking forward to getting to know you more as individuals and as a year group when you join Rushcliffe. I have also really enjoyed our visits to your schools, thank you for making me feel so welcome.

Soon we will be putting your form groups together so that we can share this information with you. In the mean time, the Year 7 team have shared a little about themselves to help you get to know them – I hope you enjoy reading them!



Head of Year (Me, Mrs Richardson):

- I am here to help and support your year group throughout your time at Rushcliffe
- I will deliver your assemblies to celebrate your successes
- I will pop into your lessons to see the exciting things you are learning about

Your Senior Leadership Team (SLT) link will:

- meet you as you walk into assemblies
- help you around school between lessons
- visit your class to check how you are getting on.

Your Assistant Head of Year (Pupil Support Unit link) will:

- Provide advice and guidance
- Answer any queries you may have
- Support you with your well-being

Your Form Tutor will:

- Be the first member of staff you see every day throughout Y7 to Y11 and your first port of call for any queries
 - Register your form and take you to your assemblies
- Share many exciting moments with you such as your first achievement certificate, awards evenings, sports days, form time learning activities and many more.

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Mrs Richardson

Head of Year

Subject: Geography



Me at Rushcliffe School

I've been at Rushcliffe now for about 10 years and for 8 of those years I have been Head of Year. You will be the third year group I will be working with and I'm looking forward to getting to know you all.

Me in my spare time

I really like being outside and going on lots of walks, as well as running and cycling. I also love exploring and visiting new places. Switzerland is my favourite country to visit.

An interesting fact about me

For my university course, I had to camp by a glacier in Iceland for a month and it rained nearly every day!!

One word to describe me



Mr Crawley

SLT link

Subject: PE



Me at Rushcliffe School

I started at Rushcliffe in 2017 as the Head of PE, before becoming Assistant Principal in 2019. I have the responsibility for the extra curricular in school and the many wonderful trips we offer. So keep an eye out for those and get signed up.

Me in my spare time

I am big sports fan and love watching most sports, but especially football. This year will be great with the World Cup in Qatar and Women's Euros hosted in England. I enjoy spending time with my friends and family and love to travel and keep active.

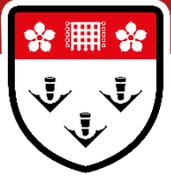
An interesting fact about me

Even though I teach PE and love it, growing up it was never my favourite subject in school. I loved maths. I am also a Spurs fan!

One word to describe me



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Kirsty Baugh

Pupil Support Link and
Assistant Head of Year
for Year 7



Me at Rushcliffe School

Like yourselves, I am going to be new to Rushcliffe. I am really excited to meet you in September and feel very fortunate to be part of your first year. Please remember that you can come to me if you need help with anything, no matter how big or small.

Me in my spare time

I absolutely love being outside, whether it be walking my dog, camping or just having a picnic or BBQ. I also enjoy cooking and reading.

An interesting fact about me

I own a tarantula called Luna!

One word to
describe me



Miss Jordan

Subject: Maths



Me at Rushcliffe School

We will be starting our journey at Rushcliffe together as I am also joining in September. I'm really excited for this new challenge, even if I am a bit nervous - so don't worry if you are feeling a bit worried about starting (we're in this together)!

Me in my spare time

I love to be active, playing hockey and rugby as well as enjoying a morning run. I love to travel and see different places in the world. New Zealand has been my favourite, so far, even if I am a bit biased having lived there.

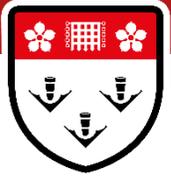
An interesting fact about me

I competed for Great Britain in synchronized ice skating travelling all over the world with it.

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describe me



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Ms Taylor

Subject: PE

Me at Rushcliffe School

Just like you, I will be starting at Rushcliffe in September. I am very excited to meet everyone and I look forward to all the new challenges and opportunities that Rushcliffe will bring.

Me in my spare time

My favourite thing to do is to walk and play with my dog. I also love to dance with my friends and go on long walks in the countryside.

An interesting fact about me

I have performed on the biggest stage in Europe.



One word to describe me



Caring

Ms Franklin

Subject: English

Me at Rushcliffe School

I've worked at Rushcliffe for eleven years now. Some of the work I've been doing has meant that I haven't been able to have a form group but I'm really excited about being a form tutor again in Year 7!

Me in my spare time

I love reading, theatre, cinema and holidays in the sun.

An interesting fact about me

I once appeared in a children's TV show called 'Byker Grove' (Ant and Dec were in it!)

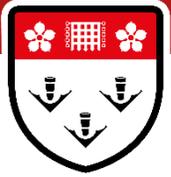


One word to describe me



Patient

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Mr Jenkins

Subject: Business

Me at Rushcliffe School

I only joined Rushcliffe in August 2021 and it's been a whirlwind of a first year. I am the Head of Department for Business and Economics and love working closely with the Social Sciences team.

Me in my spare time

I love sport. I'm a long suffering (until this year at least) season ticket holder at Nottingham Forest and am often seen at Trent Bridge during the summer. I love travelling with my family, especially around Asia, and am a big fan of music and theatre.

An interesting fact about me

I was stood on top of Iceland's Eyjafjallajokull volcano a few hours before it erupted in 2010. We didn't even realise it had happened until we arrived back in the UK!

One word to describe me



Caring

Mrs Cresdee

Subject: PE

Me at Rushcliffe School

I am a PE teacher and have been working at Rushcliffe for 13 years. I have not had a year 7 form since my 1st year and am very much looking forward to it! No pressure but my last form won sports day every year...

Me in my spare time

I love the outdoors and being at one with nature, though I can be a bit of a wimp when it is cold! I also love the theatre, watching classic films, exploring the world and spending time with my family.

An interesting fact about me

I share my birthday with David Attenborough

One word to describe me



Adventurous



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Miss Ward

Subject: Maths

Me at Rushcliffe School

I have taught maths at Rushcliffe for five years and I love how the subject allows you to be curious and solve problems. I work within the maths department to support all students to enjoy and be successful in maths too.

Me in my spare time

I love trying new things and learning new skills, you can often find me doing crafts in my spare time or having a go at new escape rooms. I am also a Guide leader and really enjoy the opportunities it brings me.

An interesting fact about me

I have a degree in psychology and can speak conversational German.



One word to describe me



Mrs Beniston

Subject: Computer Science

Me at Rushcliffe School

I teach Computing and next year will be my 4th year at Rushcliffe. I love teaching students computing and I'm really looking forward to getting to know you all.

Me in my spare time

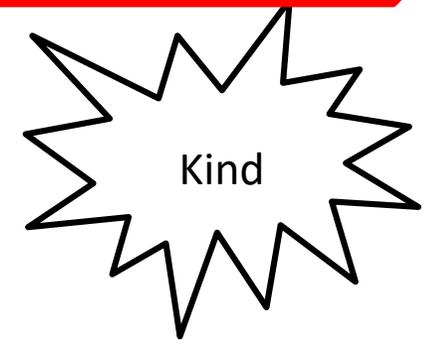
I love being in the garden and growing lots of colourful flowers, herbs and vegetables. I also love baking, ice cream cake is my current favourite to bake. I like to keep fit by running 3 times a week and dancing to Bhangra music in my kitchen.

An interesting fact about me

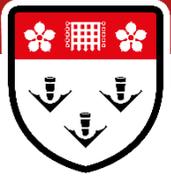
I can speak 2 different languages



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Mrs Hayton

Subject: Design
Technology

Me at Rushcliffe School

I am also going to be joining Rushcliffe in September. I'm sure we can feel both nervous and excited together! Looking forward to meeting you all and starting our journey at the school together.

Me in my spare time

I love spending time with my friends and family. I am quite competitive and love to do escape rooms with my friends. I enjoy going on holiday!

An interesting fact about me

I completed my Duke of Edinburgh Gold award when I was at school. I also love the Harry Potter books!



One word to
describe me



Determined

Mr Howse

Subject: History

Me at Rushcliffe School

I have been at Rushcliffe for 14 years. I was a Head of Year for 8 and I'm now Head of History. I'm looking forward to meeting my new form and seeing them enjoy the new and existing opportunities here at Rushcliffe.

Me in my spare time

I take an interest in most sports, especially football and cricket. I enjoy (most of the time) supporting Forest and the Notts Outlaws. I love watching films and listening to music, especially from the 1980s.

An interesting fact about me

I once bought an old ambulance to travel around Germany when the World Cup was held there.

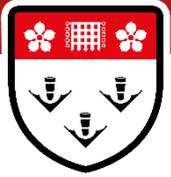


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Resourceful

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Miss Livsey

Subject: Science

Me at Rushcliffe School

I am starting at Rushcliffe in September, too. I have been working at a school in Leeds before coming here, so I am looking forward to starting at this fantastic school with you.

Me in my spare time

I love to care for my many indoor plants and grow vegetables in the garden.

An interesting fact about me

I have a very cute Yorkshire Terrier dog called Flo, and two cats called Jack and Heidi.



One word to describe me



Enthusiastic

Ms Hawkes

Subject: English

Me at Rushcliffe School

I am an English teacher at Rushcliffe and will be starting alongside you in September. I became a teacher because I believe language is our most powerful tool, and if we learn to effectively communicate then we can achieve almost anything! I am looking forward to meeting everyone at the school (and getting immediately lost)!

Me in my spare time

As a typical English teacher, I love to write and you'll never find me without a pen and paper. I particularly enjoy spoken word poetry, and run an event in Nottingham to showcase local poets. I also juggle and can ride a unicycle, so you might also catch me at the circus.

An interesting fact about me

Before I was a teacher, I worked in journalism and got to travel and live abroad a lot. My favourite was Mumbai in India, and I learnt the local language so can now speak Hindi and place I lived Urdu.



One word to describe me



Passionate

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