

Meet your tutors



Hi! I am an English teacher here at Barr's Hill. I absolutely love English and its power to persuade, inspire and comfort people from all different walks of life. The best feeling, I have as a teacher is when my students become enthralled in what they are reading and come to class with lots of questions and opinions. When I am not teaching, I enjoy watching films and TV, as well as reading crime and mystery novels. If ever you want to talk about Roald Dahl, Jane Austen or Shakespeare, then come find me – I look forward to meeting you!

Miss Priest



Hello! I have been a teacher at Barr's Hill School for 3 years. I love teaching here, and I am very lucky to be able to teach two subjects: History and Classics. I am looking forward to teaching you in these subjects and watching you do really well in them (especially when we learn Latin). I can't wait to meet you in tutor and we can find out what we have in common – I've lived in China and have visited lots of countries around the world so we can share stories. I am excited to support you and your aspirations whether it's to be on an elite sports team, join any of our enrichment sessions to help you on your way to GCSE's, A-Level and then University or simply to make some great new friends. See you in September!

Miss Phillips



I have been at Barr's Hill for many, many years and may well have taught your parents. I love it here! I also know many of your primary school teachers as I used to work around student transition from year 6 to year 7. I am really looking forward to being the tutor for some of you next year and I know that ours will be the BEST tutor group. Don't worry about anything as we will help you every step of the way. The main thing is to be strong and do the right thing. I also teach Maths and I hope I will teach some of you. Maths is great fun and helps you with many things. Outside of school I like walking and cycling and I am learning to play the saxophone! See you all in September!

Mr Orchard



Welcome Year 7! I will be a year 7 tutor in September but I also may have the pleasure of teaching you English. As an English teacher I love to read books, particularly those that are based on a historical event or about supernatural creatures. An odd fact about me is that I adore pineapple on pizza. Who is with me on this? Surely there must be someone out there! We cannot wait to meet you and take you on that next step of your life in the Bridge. I am truly looking forward to seeing all of your wonderful faces in September.

Miss Mattu



I teach Music to all years and love it! I have worked at Barr's Hill for 6 years and have taught people to sing in a choir, play melodies on the keyboard, slap rhythms on the Djembes and perform tunes on a variety of other instruments plus using Music software to create Drum and Bass tracks. I enjoy seeing how pupils develop and enjoy showcasing their talents to peers, parents and large audiences outside of school. I look forward to hearing your musical talents and introducing me to artists I may never have heard of before, I am constantly being amazed by what others listen to and my ears are open to all kinds of music.

I also plan and arrange events with Military personnel to help develop confidence, team building and leadership skills as an ex-service RAF Reservist where I travelled to a variety of places and took part in an amazing array of tasks. I look forward to meeting you all and hearing your dreams for the future.

Miss Leavy



Hello! I am a P.E. teacher and have just completed my training year at Barr's Hill which means I will be starting here properly at the same time as you! I am a fan of all sports with my favourite ones being Rugby and Football, but the best part about teaching P.E. is being able to get involved with and teach a wide range of sports. At Barr's Hill you will also be able to participate in a variety of sports both in and outside of your P.E. lessons as part of our enrichment academies which take place during lunchtimes and after school. We have recently started a Year 7 Rugby Team and will be hoping to develop this by making teams across more year groups over the next 12 months. I look forward to meeting you in September.

Mr Wilson