

## Connections Faculty

### Head of Connections Faculty: Miss Higgs



Hello future year 7s, a big welcome from all in the Connections Faculty. We are all very excited to meet you and start your learning journey with us at GTS. The Connections Faculty is made up of six different subjects which you can read all about below. We can't wait for you to join us in the year 7 Connections challenge, where you will get to cook a wonderful meal and produce exciting crafts in the DT department. I hope you have lots of fun getting to know everyone, make lots of new friends, and learn great new things with us at GTS.

### Maths Teacher: Mr Beams



Hi, I am Mr. Beams. I teach Maths and sometimes Design & Technology. I am a tutor in Endurance House and look forward to welcoming the lucky ones into the best house. I like spending lots of time outside and help run both the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme and Ten Tors Training when we are allowed to get out-and-about. I am a keen Chess player and can often be seen playing at lunchtimes in M2 – it would be brilliant to see you challenging the school's current Chess Masters. If you like cars, perhaps you would like to join the Green Car class and complete a battery-powered car to race around the school's old bus circle. I look forward to meeting you and helping you achieve your dreams and ambitions here at GTS.

## Teacher of Maths: Miss Broadhurst



Hello! I am Miss Broadhurst and I teach Mathematics. I am also a tutor in Discovery House (The Best House in case anybody asks).  
In my spare time, I help out with running The Duke of Edinburgh's Award for the bronze and the silver at GTS and love the outdoor life.  
I enjoy sport but unfortunately I don't have the time to play but I am also getting a little too old to play (which I think is more to the point!).  
I look forward to meeting you all hopefully in the not too distance future and helping you achieve your dreams and ambitions here at GTS.

## Teacher of Maths: Miss Lomax



Hi future Year 7's. My name is Miss Lomax and I am one of the Maths teachers at GTS and I'm part of Resolution house.

I'm really looking forward to meeting you in September and, if I'm your maths teacher, helping you to find maths as exciting and rewarding as I do!

My favourite past-times when I'm not teaching are reading and walking in the beautiful Devon countryside.

## Teacher of Maths: Mr Klingenstein



I am Mr Klingenstein and I teach Mathematics at GTS! Also, I help everyone in the school with their Numeracy. When I am at home, I have 3 boys and 2 (massive) dogs to look after and, of course, my surfboard, my bike and my old car receive a lot of my time! Maths is the most wonderful subject of them all, once you get the hang of it everything just falls into its place – I like that a lot. I am looking forward to meeting you and taking you on the journey through Maths world.

## Head of Maths: Mrs Sargeant



Hello Mathematicians!

I am looking forward to working with you all in September, to share your love of maths. I am Team leader of Mathematics as well as a tutor for Resolution House. Our aim in Maths is simple, we want you to see the beauty of Maths, to develop confidence and recognise the opportunities that skills in mathematics creates for you. Whatever your ability I look forward to our journey together through GTS. If you have any mathematical puzzles to share I would love to hear from you.

## Teacher of Maths: Miss Davey-Wright



Hello! I am Miss Davey-Wright and I am one of the maths teachers at GTS. I hope you love maths as much as I do! But if not, don't worry – I am certain you are going to love maths here! You may have noticed from my photo that I am a big fan of woolly animals – llamas to be precise. When I'm not in the classroom, I'll often be found in a field surrounded by the 80 llamas I also work with.

## Teacher of History: Mr Cloke



Hi! I'm Mr Cloke. I'm the Subject Lead for History and a Year 11 Tutor in Endurance House. If you get me as one of your teachers you'll soon discover that I'm a complete history geek. I love it! My classroom is filled with books, real ancient artefacts in my mini 'museum', costumes and model planes, so it lives and breathes history!

I've been writing up some new resources for Year 7 next year and I'm really looking forward to meeting you and getting you to be as enthusiastic as I am about history.

## Teacher of Technology: Mr Walsh



Hello everyone. I look forward to seeing you all in Design Technology. I am passionate about my subject and want you all to enjoy it as much as I do. You can be as creative as you wish and mistakes are part of learning; it really does not matter if you get it wrong, the important bit is trying to get it right the next time. Design Technology and Food Technology are part of the Connections Faculty. The Connections Challenge will require you to plan, organise and host a celebration event. You will gain experience in the use of a wide range of materials including wood, plastics, food and graphic materials as well as developing many practical skills. Teamwork is essential if you are going to realise your potential. It will be fun too!

## Teacher of IT: Mr Bryant



A massive hello to all you future computing scientists! I am Mr Bryant, one of the computing science/digital media teachers at the school. We in the computing department are looking forward to investigating, designing and creating amazing things in computing and digital media. While you are with us, we will be looking at robotics, comic book design, photo editing, python programming, and much more. Looking forward to getting started with you all!

## Teacher of IT: Mrs Bryant



Hi Year 7 2020

I teach Creative iMedia and IT, I am also a [Resolution](#) tutor.

You will find me most days in the IT block encouraging pupils to learn how to complete tasks and homework using IT.

I enjoy photography, baking, word games and reading.

I am looking forward to meeting you all in September.

Mrs Bryant.

## Teacher of Technology: Mrs Fisher



Hi there and hello! I'm Ms Fisher and I am a tutor in Endeavour House. The best house to be in, but I would say that wouldn't I. You may have me as a tutor but you could also come across me as a teacher of Design Technology, either in the food classroom or in the workshops. Maybe you have opted for Instructables as your E&I choice, I also teach this. I am looking forward to seeing you all on your first day and as a KS 3 tutor, it is quite likely some of you will see me every morning.

## Teacher of Technology: Mr Grundy



My name is Mr Grundy and like you, I am new to Great Torrington School. I am part of Discovery house team and a Design & Technology teacher. Design & Technology shapes the world that we live in and I have been creating and making for as long as I can remember and I love it! You will find that the Design and Technology area can be quite noisy with the sound of tools and machines being used to create practical solutions.

I'm really looking forward to meeting you all in September so that we can design, make and solve problems together.

## Teacher of RE: Mrs Sparrow



Hello to all of our soon to be Year 7's! My name is Mrs Sparrow and I will have been a teacher at GTS for 22 years by the time you arrive, so I may well have taught some of your older siblings or even your mums and dads! I will be teaching you all for one of our challenges in year 7, alongside Mr Robilliard, where we will be going on a musical journey around the world, exploring how religion and music impact culture. There will be lots of opportunities for music making, drama, discussion and learning about interesting aspects of our wonderful world and its people. I look forward to meeting you all and creating some excellent work. Have a lovely summer.