

West Moors Middle School

Recent recruitment for September 2019

Dear Parents,

Following a busy period of recruitment for the school during the last half term, I wanted to inform all parents at the earliest opportunity of the successful appointments the school has made over the past few weeks.

Presented below are 'pen portraits' written by all new teachers starting in September 2019. For further information regarding the new school year, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Mr J Rielly

Headteacher – Dr D Craddock

I am delighted to introduce myself to you as the new Headteacher of West Moors Middle School (WMMS) beginning the role after the summer holidays. I have worked in education for over 23 years and I am very excited to get to know you and your children.



Prior to becoming a Headteacher, I worked as Assistant Headteacher in a junior school where I also completed my National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH). I have also worked in an academy in Bransgore which was judged as Outstanding in its Ofsted inspection and Outstanding in its recent SIAMs inspection, in addition to another rural primary school in the New Forest. Furthermore, I have worked in the university (tertiary) sector where I have held strategic senior leadership roles with a teaching commitment, completing a PhD in educational research in 2010. I have a real passion for ensuring that every child, and family, is supported and nurtured in a challenging and safe environment and want children to be excited about their learning and the different opportunities available to them.

Over the past three years, I have been supporting schools in Poole and on the Isle of Wight as a Specialist Leader in Education (SLE), focusing on raising attainment in Maths and Writing across Key Stages 1 and 2 with a positive impact on pupil outcomes. I have extensive experience coaching and mentoring staff to support their professional development and enable them to provide the highest quality of education to the children. In addition, I have held a lead role in supporting trainee teachers and newly appointed mentors, delivering training workshops on mentorship and assessment of progress.

My aspiration is to offer your children an excellent all round experience in a Growth Mindset school, enabling them to thrive and flourish both personally and academically so that they can be the very best that they can be. We want your child to be able to go in whichever direction they choose and we will do whatever it takes to ensure your child achieves their potential. I know that the staff team at WMMS contains a great amount of expertise and drive; I really don't think your child could be in better hands! We will work tirelessly together to ensure that through quality first teaching all children can access the learning in our classrooms.

Furthermore, we will balance creativity, rigour and mastery in order that children are truly inspired and challenged in every lesson. My belief is that: *"Children are not things to be moulded, but are people to be unfolded."* — [Jess Lair](#)

I am really looking forward to meeting the whole school community in the near future and working hard to continue to move the school forward and ensure our children become independent, life-long learners with a positive 'can do' attitude and determination to be the best that they can be. It will be a privilege to be the Headteacher of such a vibrant, successful, and friendly school. I recognise that I will be judged by how happy and successful your child is and rightly so. I will strive each day to ensure your child has an excellent experience here and I look forward to sharing my vision for the school when I start my role in September.

Inclusion Leader – Mr G Williams



I am delighted to be joining West Moors Middle School as Inclusion Leader starting in September 2019. I will be arriving from Poole High School where I have worked for the last 12 years as a PE teacher and SENCo for the GCSE Foundation Years in 7 & 8.

I successfully completed the National Award for Special Educational Needs Co-ordination at the University of Exeter in September 2018 and enjoy many aspects of teaching and learning particularly with pupils who have SEN.

I have a passion to achieve inclusion for all and am looking forward to offering new and exciting opportunities to our pupils that will help them develop, progress and grow as individuals.

Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my wife and two young daughters, watching rugby or playing cricket in the Dorset Premier League for Christchurch CC. I have also Captained Wales in the 8-a-side format at the 2018 World Series held in Chester.

Maths Teacher/KS3 Tutor – Mrs L Wright

I have been a Maths teacher for over 10 years and I am passionate about making Maths a dynamic and enjoyable subject to learn. In my free time, I enjoy reading, DIY projects and spending time with my family.



English Teacher/KS2 Tutor – Mrs C Cope



I like to consider myself a reliable, organised and creative teacher, with a strong passion for education and an enthusiasm for encouraging students to give of the best in all that they do, no matter their strengths or weaknesses. I thoroughly enjoy my chosen profession and feel I have always been a 'people person', trying to find the positive side to everyone and everything. Creating a classroom environment in which all my learners feel they are secure, respected and appreciated for their individual contribution is of great importance to me.

For many years I ran a private Speech and Drama Academy working with various ages ranging from 6 – 13 years old. The main focus of my drama workshops were to build self-confidence in my learners and channel this confidence and energy towards a positive outcome whilst learning how to function and grow within a team. I believe this teaching experience has enhanced my ability to teach proactively and understand the diverse nature learners have.

I have had lots of experience teaching drama, speech writing, running clubs and directing school plays. I have also spent many years helping learners individually prepare for speeches, recitals, monologues and other dramatic forms.

Whilst I am more of an outdoors person with a spirit for adventure and very keen on cycling, dancing and swimming; I also love to craft in my spare time. Decoupage, scrapbooking, decorating and crochet are some of my main hobbies.

Science Teacher/KS3 Tutor – Mrs M Ahmed

I moved from London to Bournemouth last year and could not be more excited to join a close knit school environment. Having taught science to enthusiastic students for four years, I was keen to introduce them to a range of STEM challenges. The challenges included building and testing the destruction of chocolate bridges at Brunel University, medical and forensic investigations at a local college and coding robots as part of Heathrow's driverless pods transfer system. I look forward to providing similar experiences to our future STEM enthusiasts at West Moors. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my husband, cooking, DIY tasks and exploring the local attractions. Recently I have taken an interest in growing my own vegetables on our balcony garden and have started a bee-keeping course.



Music Teacher/KS3 Tutor – Mrs S Collins



I am looking forward to being the Music Teacher at West Moors Middle School next year and getting involved with all things musical! I play the violin, piano and I love singing. In my spare time I sing in a choir, go walking, play tennis, swim and I love going camping and travelling to new places!

CCN Base Specialist Teacher – Mrs L Small

Having lived in Dorset for my whole life, I have a love of the beach and forest and enjoy spending time outside with my family. Annual highlights include summertime festivals where I love nothing more than to put up our tent and listen to the latest world music drifting from stage to stage. A keen and enthusiastic netball player, I spend a couple of hours every week both umpiring and playing and every now and then I become inspired to run; occasionally I can be found attempting the odd 10k somewhere locally! An experienced and inspired educational professional, I love teaching and promote high aspirations and high quality learning for all.

