ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL & TRANSITION LEAD



COLNE PRIMET ACADEMY

Name: Mrs Leak
Role: Assistant Principal – Transition Lead
Subject Taught: Maths

About Me:

My name is Mrs Leak, and I have worked at Primet since 2015. I am the Assistant Principal, leading on transition, which means I help students feel happy, confident and prepared as they move from primary school to secondary school.
I really enjoyed visiting over 100 of you in your primary schools and getting to know so many of you already. I am looking forward to supporting you as you become part of our school family and learning even more about each of you when you join us at Primet.
We are extremely excited at Colne Primet Academy to be welcoming you to join our school community in September. We are very proud of our community and what we achieve here at Colne Primet Academy, and we're glad that you will be part of it through your secondary education. At the heart of everything we do are our Academy Values, also referred to as our Primet Values, which represent the characteristics we develop in our students to help them be successful now and in the future. We are 'Proud to be PRIMET', which incorporates our values to represent how we are 'Proud to be Progressing, Respectful, Inclusive, Motivated, Expressive and Together'.
As you move from primary school to secondary school, remember that this new journey is all about progressing with confidence. You bring with you the skills of being respectful, the mindset to stay inclusive, and the drive to remain motivated in everything you do. Continue to be expressive, sharing your ideas and creativity openly. Most importantly, know that we are all in this together, supporting one another as you begin this exciting new chapter.
Starting secondary school is an exciting step, and we are here to help every step of the way. If you have any questions or worries, I am always happy to help.
Welcome to Team Primet!

Fun Fact:
I love to bake and decorate cakes and am a huge fan of 90s boybands

HEAD OF YEAR 7



COLNE PRIMET ACADEMY

Name: Mr Shabbir
Role: Head of Year 7
Subject Taught: Food Technology

About Me:
I have been teaching for over 7 years and have taught across all the key stages. As Head of Year, my role is to ensure all children in Year 7 have the very best experience in school. My role is to also ensure that provisions are in place to help meet the social and emotional needs of each child. As well as leading assemblies, I assess the progress of the year group and recognise students who demonstrate a positive attitude towards learning. I also monitor attendance and behaviour, maintaining regular communication with families to keep them informed and engaged.

In Year 7, we expect the pupils to demonstrate independence and take responsibility for their own learning. We will help support the children throughout the year to further develop their organisational skills, so they are better equipped for life at Colne Primet Academy.

Parents are encouraged to reach out to their child's form tutors for any information, guidance, or enquiries they may have. We are looking forward to working with you all to ensure your child has a wonderful start to their secondary school journey and gain the confidence and skills needed to successfully progress.

Fun Fact: For two years, I taught at Primary level including Year 6, so I really do understand the emotions that come with transitioning.

Progressing · Respectful · Inclusive · Motivated · Expressive · Together

PASTORAL SUPPORT ASSISTANT FOR YEAR 7

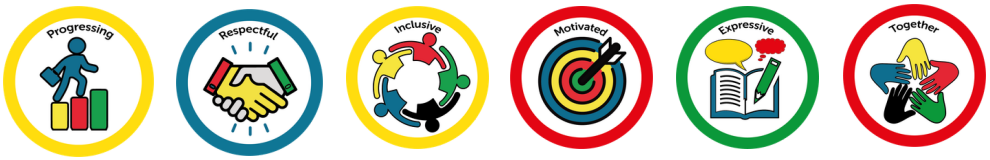


COLNE PRIMET ACADEMY

Name: Miss K Lister
Role: Pastoral Support Assistant for Year 7

About Me: This is my first year working at Colne Primet Academy, after studying for my Undergraduate and Master's Degrees in Forensic Psychology. I have always had a passion for helping others and love supporting my students with anything they need in school. I am currently working with Year 9 who have given me a warm welcome to life here at Primet, but I am excited to work alongside Mr Shabbir to welcome our fabulous new Year 7's to our Primet family! Together we will ensure all students have a smooth transition from Primary to Secondary school life, and that no student feels alone. I am someone students can come to with any issues they may have – nothing is ever too big or small! My job is to make sure all students are supported throughout their time here at Primet, and I can't wait to meet you all and be a part of that journey.

Fun Fact: I am also a dance teacher in my spare time, which I have done for 8 years now. My students are actually competing in the UDO World Championships this August!



YEAR 7 FORM TUTOR



COLNE PRIMET ACADEMY

Mr Whitlock - Form tutor 7R

Name: Mr Whitlock

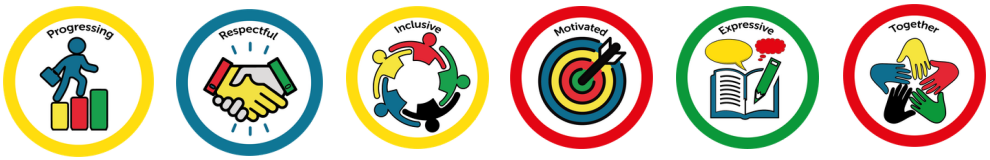
Role: Teacher and year 7 form tutor

Subject Taught: History

About Me: This will be my second year teaching at Primet as well as my second year being a form tutor for year 7. As a year 7 form tutor, I want you to have the best start to your time at Primet and I want everyone to have a great experience here. To do this I aim to make my form a safe and welcoming environment for everybody, where we will always embrace our Primet values and be warm, welcoming and friendly. I believe that every student should try and do the best that they possibly can, so I am here to support and listen to you to help you achieve your goals at secondary school.

In addition to being a form tutor I am also one of the History teachers here and I have a passion about the subject, so I hope to be able to inspire lots of future historians!

Fun Fact: I once bumped into the Queen at a restaurant!



YEAR 7 FORM TUTOR



COLNE PRIMET ACADEMY

Mr Edwards – Form tutor 7P

Name: Mr Edwards

Role: Science Teacher, Staff Governor and Year 7 Form Tutor

Subject Taught: Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)

About Me: I have been teaching at Primet for 4 years, having joined in 2022, and I'm proud to be part of such a supportive school community. Alongside my role as a science teacher, I am also a staff governor, which allows me to contribute to the wider development of the school and support students beyond the classroom.
My academic background is in Forensic Science, where I studied crime scene investigation, evidence analysis, and evidence collection. I enjoy bringing this real-world context into my teaching to make lessons engaging and relevant for students.
Before becoming a teacher, I studied at Nelson and Colne College, where I achieved a Triple Distinction* (equivalent to three A*s). I maintained the highest possible grade across two full years without dropping a grade on any assignment — something I am incredibly proud of. As a result of this achievement, I was nominated for a national award and reached the final stages of the selection process, which was fantastic recognition of the hard work and dedication involved.
Because of my own academic journey and the commitment, I have shown in everything I do, I am passionate about supporting students to achieve their very best. I aim to apply this same dedication to my form group and year group, helping students to set ambitious goals and supporting them in reaching their full academic potential.
As a form tutor, building positive relationships is at the heart of what I do. I strive to create an inclusive and supportive environment where all students feel valued, respected, and confident. I am committed to supporting both wellbeing and academic progress, ensuring every student feels part of the Primet family throughout their high school journey.
I am really looking forward to meeting my new form group and getting to know each student. I will always do my very best to provide care, encouragement, and support to help all students flourish and succeed.

Fun Fact: I'm a huge football fan and I support Manchester United fan; my favourite player of all time is Paul Scholes. In 2023, I also donated my kidney to my mum as she has struggled with kidney failure throughout my life, but doing this improved her health and helped to give her a new lease of life — something I am incredibly proud of!

YEAR 7 FORM TUTOR



Miss Pratley - Form tutor 7I

Name: Miss Pratley

Role: Teacher, transition and reading lead for KS3 English

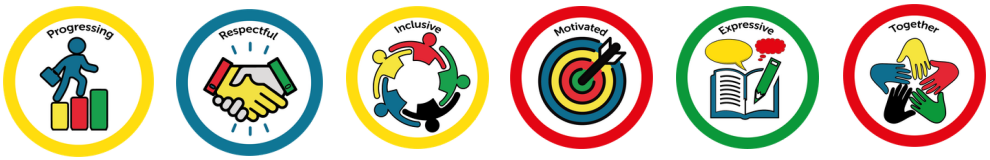
Subject Taught: English

About Me: This is my 5th year at Colne Primet and, after just saying a fond goodbye to my Year 11 form, I am very excited to be your form tutor! I always aim to make my form a welcoming, safe and inclusive space for all my students. I value each and every student and look forward to hearing all about you.

I love teaching English as I think it is a perfect subject to allow you to be creative, increase your vocabulary, develop your writing skills, let you explore different ideas – but of course I am biased! It has been my dream job since I was your age so I really do love it.

Reading is also really important to me. We do lots of reading in class which lets us explore and get to know new characters, immerse ourselves in plots and it is the perfect form of escapism. You will also have a library lesson once a week and we will be reading in form too!
I look forward to meeting you.

Fun Fact: Performing in musical theatre is my hobby and I have been doing it since I was 8!



YEAR 7 FORM TUTOR



COLNE PRIMET ACADEMY

Mrs Driver - Form tutor 7M

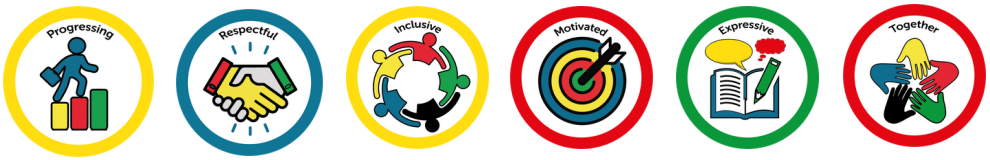
Name: My name is Mrs Driver and I have worked here since 2001.

Role: I am Head of PE and Child Development and teach both these subjects.

Subject Taught: I enjoy teaching practical lessons so PE is the perfect subject for me to teach but I also love to teach the theory side of PE to years 10 and 11. We are really proud of our PE department in school and you will learn lots of new sports. As your form tutor, naturally I will be telling you all about the sporting opportunities in school and be keen to get all of year 7 as excited about sport as I am.

About Me: Mrs Foulkes and I are a good team, and we will be very supportive form tutors and are looking forward to making sure we are the best form in year 7! We have worked together as form tutors for the past 3 years and I have even taught food, like Mrs Foulkes too, so you are in good hands with us.

Fun Fact: I support Liverpool Football club and love going to watch them at Anfield and going to music concerts in my spare time.



YEAR 7 FORM TUTOR



COLNE PRIMET ACADEMY

Mrs Ali - Form tutor 7E

Name: Mrs Ali

Role: Science teacher

Subject Taught: Science

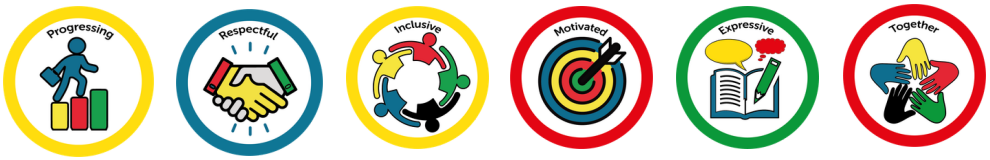
About me: I am delighted to be your form tutor this September. I also teach Science, so you may see me around the science labs as well as in our form room.

I have previously been a form tutor for both Year 7 and Year 11 students, so I understand how it feels to be new to secondary school as well as how much you can grow and achieve by the end of your journey. Moving up to secondary school is an exciting step, and there will be lots of new experiences, opportunities, and challenges along the way.

As your form tutor, my role is to support you, help you settle in, and make sure you feel safe, confident, and ready to learn each day. I am here to listen, guide, and encourage you to do your best, both in your lessons and as part of our school community.

I am really looking forward to meeting and getting to know you all!

Fun Fact: I love to read and paint in my free time.



YEAR 7 FORM TUTOR



COLNE PRIMET ACADEMY

Mrs Kinnane - Form tutor 7T

Name: Mrs Kinnane

Role: Lead Practitioner and year 7 form tutor

Subject Taught: Geography

About Me: I have worked at Primet for 5 years and yes, I am married to Mr Kinnane! (Head of Science). I have been a teacher for 15 years both in the UK and in The Middle East and have a real passion for travel and learning about new cultures.

As a year 7 form tutor, I aim to create a safe, welcoming, happy and caring environment for you all and hope to inspire the next generations of geographers! I believe every student should have the chance to shine in whatever it is they want to do so I'm here to help make that happen! I always expect students to be kind to each other as well as staff and I am here to listen if you need support. Moving from Primary to Secondary school can be a challenge, but you have to give it a go!

As well as a geography teacher, I am a Lead Practitioner at Primet and I have a responsibility for making sure your lessons are as good as they can be, in all subjects. I also help to support newer members of staff as they begin their teaching career.

Fun Fact: I have visited over 50 countries in my life so far, the World is a big place to explore! Get outside and start exploring!

