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## **TEACHING STAFF - 2011/12**



### **Mr Giles Perrin – Headmaster (Senior School) & Humanities Teacher - (BA, PGCE, QTS, DipSpEd)**

Giles joined Claremont Preparatory School in September 2010 as Principal, before taking up his post as Headmaster of the Senior School in 2011. Prior to that, Giles was a member of the Sahara Group's Senior Management Team and was responsible for establishing a new International School in Maharashtra, India. He was fully involved in all aspects of strategic planning and development for this new venture. Prior to this role, Giles held several senior posts at Frome Community College in Somerset, culminating in Associate Principal. He spent six years as a housemaster and Head of Religious Studies, Citizenship and P.H.S.E at St. Bede's School in East Sussex. Giles is married, with four young children and enjoys music and playing cricket.



### **Miss Rosie Flint – Director of Studies (Senior School) & Head of English - (MA (Hons), PGCE)**

Rosie joined us from Sevenoaks School in 2011. Previous to that she worked at St. Paul's Boys School in London and was also Head of English at Brighton College. Rosie leads the English department at Claremont, teaching in Years 7, 8 and 9. She has an intense passion for the study of English and an outstanding record of achieving the highest possible results from students that she has taught. Rosie has been an A-Level and GCSE examiner for OCR and AQA; she is an editor of novels, as well as being a keen writer, singer and dancer. As Director of Studies at the Senior School, Rosie has responsibility for the delivery and development of the curriculum, as well as being the principal point of contact on all academic matters.



### **Mr Jeremy Hudson – Head of Mathematics – (MSc, BA (Hons), PGCE)**

Jeremy joined us in 2011 from the Sir James Henderson School in Milan. He has a wealth of experience in a wide variety of school settings, both in England and abroad. Jeremy has held Head of Department posts for over 20 years, including 10 years at the University College School in London, one of the UK's highest achieving independent schools. Other posts have included Head of Senior School, IB Coordinator, Director of Studies and A-Level examiner. Jeremy leads the Maths department at Claremont, teaching in Years 7, 8 and 9. Throughout his career he has developed numerous mathematics clubs, societies and initiatives for students from Years 7–13.



### **Mr Neil Burrows – Head of Science – (BSc (Hons), PGCE)**

Neil joined us from the Cornwallis Academy in 2011, where he was Head of Science and led a team of 14 teachers. His previous posts at the school included Head of Biology, KS3 and KS4 Coordinator. Neil graduated from the University of Manchester with a BSc. (Hons) in Biology, based mainly around genetics and biotechnology. He then spent two years helping to run a voluntary conservation group in the North East and developed his passion for ecological and environmental matters. Neil leads the Science department at Claremont, teaching in Years 7, 8 and 9.



### **Mr Charles Woodwright – Teacher of Mathematics and I.C.T. – (BSc. (Hons), QTS)**

Charles joined Claremont in 2011. He has a long career of working in education, industry and charitable organisations, both at home and abroad. Charles worked extensively in India in the famine regions of Bihar. He was the Manager of the Youth Training Scheme in London for 6 years and has years of experience as an I.C.T. consultant in a variety of settings. Charles teaches both Maths and I.C.T. and contributes significantly to the Senior School Co-Curricular Programme. His skills and interests include: Duke of Edinburgh, cricket coaching, digital photography, playing the bagpipes and drums, leading community service activities, chess and jewellery making. Charles is also a fluent speaker of both Hindi and Urdu.

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**Mrs Monica Esslin-Peard – Head of Music – (MA (Oxon), mPGCE, BA)**

Monica joined Claremont in 2011. She came into teaching relatively late, after a varied and illustrious career in broadcasting with the BBC and management consultancy. Monica graduated from Oxford University with a BA and MA in Classics and was a Rowing Blue. She played professionally as a clarinettist, specialising in 20<sup>th</sup> Century chamber music. Monica is the trustee of two London orchestras, plays as a cellist with the Sussex Concert Orchestra and Midsummer Opera, works with the BBC Symphony Family Orchestra and has toured abroad with her string quartet as far afield as the Yemen. Monica leads the Music department at Claremont, teaching in Years 3-9.



**Mrs Arabella Ansar-Carver – Head of Drama – (BA (Hons), MA, QTS)**

Arabella joined us in 2009 from Battle Abbey School where, as well as achieving excellent results in Performing Arts, Drama and Theatre Studies to GCSE and A-Level, she also implemented and facilitated the introduction of A-level Media Studies. As well as a wide range of teaching experience, she also has management experience, having held the post of Senior Boarding Parent at Battle Abbey for 2 years. Arabella graduated from De Montfort University, Leicester with a BA (Hons) in Performing Arts and Media and also has an MA in Media Production. She is an avid theatre-goer and enjoys a wide range of genre, particularly the works of Steven Berkoff, John Godber and Shakespeare. Arabella leads the Drama and Performing Arts department at Claremont, teaching in Years 3-9.



**Mrs Julia Woodwright – Head of Art – (BA (Hons), PGCE)**

Julia joined Claremont in 2006. Her previous posts include lecturer in Textile Design at Hastings College, proprietor of 'Woodwrights' and 'The Art Depot Gallery' in Battle, Interior Designer, Exhibition Designer and Consultant, Artist in residence teaching to A-level at Ardingly College and freelance Fashion & Textile Designer in London. She has also travelled extensively in Europe, the United States and India. Julia graduated from Brighton University with a BA (Hons) in Fashion Textile Design and Administration. She also has a FE PGCE. Julia leads the Art department at Claremont, teaching in Years 5-9.



**Mrs Karen Hudson – French Teacher (Senior School) – (BA (Hons), PGCE)**

Karen joined Claremont in 2011, with her husband Jeremy, after 23 years in a leading independent school, University College School, London. More recently, they spent four years in the Caribbean establishing a new IB senior school, and two years in Milan. Karen has extensive experience as a classroom teacher, Head of Secondary School, Deputy Head and Director of Pastoral Care. During the school holidays Karen and Jeremy live in France and each summer, for the past 11 years, have organised the Festival Shakespeare du Quercy, a touring open-air Shakespeare production in the South-West of France. Karen's passions, apart from all things Gallic, are 20<sup>th</sup> century British art and the theatre.



**Mrs Mary Coyne – Spanish Teacher (Senior School) – BA (Hons), Dip. SpLD, QTS**

Mary joined Claremont in 2012, after 17 years at Dulwich Preparatory School in Cranbrook, where she was Head of Special Needs/Learning Support. Whilst there, she helped set up the new Spanish Department. Prior to that, she also set up the Spanish GCSE course at Angley School, as well as teaching mainstream English and Learning Support groups in Literacy. Mary has also taught in the Adult Education sector for over twenty years, taught in many comprehensive schools in Derby and taught English as a Second Language in Spain, after a stint at the British Council, post graduation. In her free time, she enjoys cooking and entertaining, travel, reading, films and theatre, gardening, swimming and learning languages.

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**Mr Liam Cobley – P.E. & Boys' Games Teacher – (BA (Hons), QTS)**

Liam completed his degree in Physical Education and Dance with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) at Brighton University and took up his first teaching post with us this September. He heads the P.E. department at the Senior School, as well as being involved in teaching Games and P.E at the Preparatory School. Liam is a talented and highly enthusiastic character. He has extensive experience of managing summer camps and is a member of 'Kick-Start', a local dance troupe who has toured all over Europe. Liam is also a qualified football coach and referee, as well as having real passion and skill in rugby, outdoor pursuits, hockey, gymnastics and basketball.



**Miss Kitty Scammell – Girls' Games & Geography Teacher – (BA, QTS)**

Kitty completed her degree in Physical Education with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) at Brighton University and took up her first teaching post with us this September. She teaches Girls' Games and Geography at the Senior School, as well as being involved in teaching Games and P.E at the Preparatory School. Kitty is a qualified swimming and trampoline coach and has added interests in outdoor pursuits and alternative activities. She has previous management experience, having held the post of Deputy Manager at the University of Brighton Sport Centre and for the last 5 years Kitty has been involved in the Football-4-Peace project, which runs every summer in Israel.



**Mr Paul Rowe Design and Technology – (MEd, BA, PGCE, F.A.T.C.)**

Paul joined Claremont in 2011. His industrial career focused on automated systems in the field of production engineering, building products and quarrying. He became a full-time lecturer in Building Studies at City of Bristol College, obtaining a Masters in Education. Paul decided to put his experience to good use and took a year out to obtain a PGCE in Design and Technology, which has enabled him to teach a wide range of technology subject encompassing workshop skills to up-to-date Computer manufacturing and design. Paul has extensive experience as a classroom teacher, focusing on raising standards and making learning an enjoyable experience. He is also an examiner and moderator for GCSE AQA.



**Mrs Andrea Featherstone – Head of Learning Support – (BEd, PGCE)**

Andrea joined Claremont Preparatory School in January 2011 as SENCO, before becoming Head of Learning Support in September 2011. She has 28 years of teaching experience in Primary and Grammar schools. Her previous posts have included 14 years as a Primary School Governor with responsibility for Special Needs and 10 years as SENCO and a member of the Senior Management Team in schools in the London Borough of Bexley, Medway and Heathfield. Andrea has particular interests in Dyslexia and Autism. She has a PGCE in Education Studies and is a Specialist Teacher of Dyslexia.



**Mrs Diane Durrant – Deputy Head (Prep School) & Pastoral Support (Senior School) – (BA (Hons), QTS)**

Diane joined us from Battle Abbey School in 2011 where she held the position of Deputy Head of the Preparatory School. She was also formerly Deputy Head of the Battle Abbey Senior School. Diane's specific responsibilities at Claremont Preparatory School are pastoral care, child protection and pupil welfare. She is also responsible for pastoral support at the Senior School. Diane is a highly skilled teacher with a wealth of knowledge and skills. She has taught English, Maths and Geography through Key Stages 2, 3 and 4, as well as managing Special Educational Needs and holding positions on Senior Management teams for the past 22 years. Diane is also an accredited inspector for the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI).

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