

SEND Team



Miss Nicholas
SENCO

Hello, my name is Miss Nicholas and I am the SENCO at Sir John Hunt. I am really looking forward to meeting you all and welcoming you. My job is to make sure that all students are supported to work to the best of their abilities and to make sure that you have all of the additional support needed in your lessons and around school. I really want you to have an excellent experience at secondary school and will make sure that you are well looked after, giving you the chance to excel and become independent young adults.

In addition to being the SENCO, I am also a Spanish teacher so I may get to meet you in my classroom as well.

In my spare time, I enjoy travelling and walking my giant dog – he is a Saint Bernard (have you seen the film Beethoven?) I also really enjoy gardening, especially when the sun is shining and the bees are buzzing around.

I look forward to meeting you soon.



Mrs Harbottle

Learning Support Assistant/Lead Worker for students with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN)

Hello, my name is Mrs Harbottle, and I am part of the support team here at Sir John Hunt. I may meet you in your lessons or, if you use the Intervention Centre at break and lunch, I am generally there and happy to chat or join in a game or two.

For those of you who might need support with Language and Communication, I will arrange this, and we will do some group work in Year 7 and Year 8.

You are about to start a whole new adventure: making new friends, trying things you've never tried before and taking the next step in your learning journey. It's going to feel a bit scary maybe (doing something for the first time often is) but it will be all right and there will always be somebody to help you along the way.

A bit about me: I love to read, I run but I'm not very good at it yet (I keep trying though) and I enjoy spending time at the beach or in my garden. I am also the worst teller of jokes, so be prepared.

I am looking forward to meeting you and finding out a bit about you too.



Miss Minchella

Learning Support Assistant/Lead Worker for
Students with ASC

Hi everyone! I am Miss Minchella and I work within the lovely SEN department at SJH. I understand starting secondary school can be an exciting but also scary time, and I will be there to help you as best as I can along the way. I will always be happy to talk, listen and support you in and outside of the classroom to help ensure your time at SJH is a positive, fulfilling and happy place to be.

Outside of work I love to bake (my favourite is cookies), keep fit and go on lovely walks especially when the sun is shining.

Take care of yourselves and I look forward to meeting you in September.



Mrs Aitkin

Learning Support Assistant

Hello, my name is Mrs Aitken, I am a learning support assistant, which means that you might have the pleasure of my company in some of your lessons to support you with your subjects. I am really looking forward to getting to know all of you better. You will make lots of new friends, and have a great start at SJH.

In my spare time, I really enjoy looking at old buildings and looking into the history of them, there is a lot of history in our city. I also enjoy spending time with close friends and my family.

I understand that it can be a big step beginning a new school and can be very scary; however, this can be a time of great excitement too. I will be here to help you all to get into a routine.

I hope you are going to be very happy here in your new school and will take every opportunity to get involved in College life! Remember, everyone is here to help you to enjoy your time here. Try your best and be kind to others!



Miss Angear

Learning Support Assistant

Hello my name is Miss Angear, I am a Learning Support Assistant here at Sir John Hunt and I am here to help you in lessons if you need me. My favourite subjects are History, Spanish and English!

I know how starting a new school can feel scary, but I think you will really enjoy it here and the scary feelings will soon go, once you have settled in.

If I happen to be in any of your classes, I'm afraid you will have to put up with my bad jokes and Christmas obsession! In my spare time I enjoy walking my dog, watching movies and hanging out with my family and friends!

I look forward to meeting some of you in September and hope you enjoy Sir John Hunt.



Miss Barnshaw
Learning Support Assistant

Hi Year 7, my name is Miss Barnshaw, and I'm a Learning Support Assistant. My job is to help and support your learning at SJH whenever you might need help. I'm very good at listening if you have any problems, so I'll try my best to help. I know it must feel a bit scary to start a new school, but everyone is really friendly and will make you feel at home!

When I'm not at work, I love to read, write, cook and sometimes I even make clothes from scratch! I can't wait to meet you all in September!

See you soon!



Mrs Fleet
Learning Support Assistant

Hello, my name is Mrs Fleet, I am a learning support assistant for SEND students, so I am here to help you settle in at SJH and support you in your classes.

In my spare time, I really enjoy outdoor adventures and exploring new walks with my puppy, especially when the sun is shining.

I hope you are going to be very happy at your new school and I am looking forward to meeting you!



Miss Hamlyn
Learning Support Assistant

Hello, my name is Miss Hamlyn and I am a Learning Support Assistant at Sir John Hunt. Within my job I help support students in their lessons when they might find things a little bit difficult. I have worked here since September and everyone has been so friendly and welcoming. Starting secondary school can seem like a scary experience, but it can also be an exciting one, as it is filled with new experiences such as making new friends, learning new things, and becoming more independent. I am really looking forward to meeting all of you and helping you on this journey.

Outside of school I love playing badminton and tennis, my favourite tennis player is Roger Federer. I also enjoy making art and travelling, I love visiting new places and going to museums and art galleries where I can learn new things.

I hope that you are keeping safe and I look forward to welcoming you next term.



Miss Macmillan
Learning Support Assistant

Hi, my name is Miss Macmillan and I'm a learning support assistant at Sir John Hunt. My aim is to help anyone and everyone. No problem is too big or too small. I'm very open minded and I will always try my best. I like a balanced work ethic, so I can take a joke but I also know when it's time to be serious.

In my spare time, I like to play videogames, play music, do some artwork and learn new skills.

I look forward to helping as many of you as I can and hopefully make some fun memories.



Mrs Moutell-Dean
Learning Support Assistant

Hi Year 7, my name is Mrs Moutell-Dean and I have been a Learning Support Assistant at Sir John Hunt for 14 years - a role that I enjoy and love. I am able to support students through their education whilst building positive relationships.

Starting secondary school can sometimes seem scary but it can also be an exciting time, full of new opportunities, meeting new people and able to make new friends.

I will be able to encourage and support you in some of your lessons whilst making learning fun and helping you succeed in your journey at SJH. I will be able to guide, listen and advise to help you make the best choices.

I can't wait to be part of it!

In my spare time I love being beside the sea, walking especially when wearing wellies and listening to music.

Be good, stay safe and see you in September!



Mr Pearce
Learning Support Assistant

Hello my name is Mr Pearce and I am a learning support assistant who works within the SEN department at Sir John Hunt. I am here to support you within your lessons and here as a friendly face in case you have any questions or worries. I am friendly and approachable so don't be afraid to just come up to me and ask me anything!

In my spare time I love to play football and spend time with family and friends.

If I am in any of your lessons I look forward to telling you my terrible jokes and make your learning as fun as possible.

I look forward to meeting you all in September.