

# MEET the TEAM



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**Name:** Alex Lowe  
**Responsibility:** Vice Principal Teaching and Learning | SENCo | Transition Support

**My journey:** I have been in education for a long time and have worked at various school along the south coast. I was deputy Headteacher at my previous school before coming to Oasis Lords Hill in January 2022. I am a qualified SENCo and have improved the practice for SEND and improved the teaching and learning experiences for students in various settings.

## A few of my favourite things in school:

- Watching students grow in confidence
- Being able to make a difference to students lives through their learning
- Being able to help students believe in themselves and their dreams

Three words  
to describe me:  
Caring,  
motivational  
and honest

## A few of my favourite things outside of school:

- Spending time with my family
- Spending time reading
- Going on holiday and socialising 😊

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**Name:** Amanda Morgan  
**Responsibility:** SEND | Transition Support

**My journey:** I have lived in the Southampton area for most of my life and worked in Southampton schools for over 20 years! I really enjoy working with students and seeing them reach their full potential 😊

## A few of my favourite things in school:

- Watching students grow in confidence
- Working with a great team
- The wide variety of facilities on offer

Three words  
to describe me:  
Positive, Kind  
and Organised

## A few of my favourite things outside of school:

- Spending time with my family
- Spending time in my garden
- Going on holiday 😊

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**Name:** Costin Propescu  
**Responsibility:** EAL Co-ordinator

**My journey:** I am a law graduate both in Romania and in the UK and I have a special interest in foreign languages. I have had various jobs in my career but I feel best when I can share some of my knowledge with the others in order to enable them to succeed and overcome their limitations.

## A few of my favourite things in school:

- Seeing the children progressing and accumulating new knowledge.
- Every day is different.
- It is a pleasant safe environment

Three words  
to describe me:  
Patient, Empathic  
and  
Optimistic

## A few of my favourite things outside of school:

- Spending time with my family
- Photography
- Hiking

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**Name:** Julie Harrison  
**Responsibility:** Lead Learning Support Assistant –  
Cognitivist

**My journey:** I have lived in the Maybush area of Southampton for most of my life. I began working in schools many years ago and have been working in SEND for over 10 years.

It is a privilege to work with the students and to watch them grow in confidence.

## A few of my favourite things in school:

- Seeing the students reach their full potential
- Being part of a caring and supportive team
- No two days are the same

Three words  
to describe me:  
Caring, patient,  
and  
compassionate

## A few of my favourite things outside of school:

- Spending time with my family and friends
- Walking my dogs
- Watching live music 😊

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**Name:** Rebecca Simpson  
**Responsibility:** HLTA English –  
Cognition & Learning

**My journey:** I am local to the Southampton area and have worked in a support role in Southampton schools for over 20 years. I feel privileged to see the students that I work with make good progress from Year 7 until they leave in Year 11.

## A few of my favourite things in school:

- Building strong and positive relationships with students
- The support of my colleagues
- The feeling of community

Three words  
to describe me:  
Encouraging,  
Considerate and  
Experienced

## A few of my favourite things outside of school:

- My family
- Crafts
- Reading and films

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**Name:** Carol Mason  
**Responsibility:** HLTA Maths -  
Cognition & Learning

**My journey:** I have lived in the Southampton area for all of my life and have worked in Southampton schools for over 20 years! I enjoy working with students and feel privileged to see students maturing and making progress.

## A few of my favourite things in school:

- Seeing students grow in confidence
- Working with a great team
- Supportive colleagues

Three words  
to describe me:  
Passionate, Kind  
and Experienced

## A few of my favourite things outside of school:

- My family
- Watching most sports especially Southampton Football Club
- Quizzes and puzzles

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**Name:** Gabrielle Holloway  
**Responsibility:** LAC Co-ordinator

**My journey:** I graduated University in 2019 and spent a few of my years working within the theatre industry. After a shift in career goals, I decided to train to be a Drama and English teacher. I have a passion for supporting children and enabling them to strive for success, whilst creating a better future for themselves and others.

## A few of my favourite things in school:

- Giving students a voice to speak honestly and openly
- Contributing to a safe learning environment for all
- Students and staff are allowed to express themselves

Three words  
to describe me:  
Smiley, Organised  
and Selfless

## A few of my favourite things outside of school:

- Spending time with my family and friends
- Singing
- Running

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**Name:** Nina O'sullivan  
**Responsibility:** Learning Assistant –  
Sensory & Physical

**My journey:** I Live in Southampton and have worked at Oasis Lord's Hill in various roles for 12 years. I enjoy working with students and seeing them reach their full potential.

## A few of my favourite things in school:

- To encourage and nurture students
- Helping students reach their goals
- Being a part of the Oasis family

Three words  
to describe me:  
Persistent,  
Patient and  
Flexible

## A few of my favourite things outside of school:

- Reading
- Cooking
- Socialising with family & friends



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**Name:** Trudy Watt  
**Responsibility:** Lead Learning Support Assistant –  
Sensory & Physical

**My journey:** I have lived in the Southampton all of my life and worked in Southampton schools for over 20 years! I started working as a dinner lady and have enjoyed my learning journey along the way to becoming a LSA. I really enjoy working with students and seeing them reach their full potential 😊

## A few of my favourite things in school:

- Watching students grow into young independent adults
- Working with a great team
- The wide variety of facilities on offer to help students reach their potential

Three words  
to describe me:  
Positive, Kind  
and Organised

## A few of my favourite things outside of school:

- Spending time with my family
- Spending time in garden reading
- Going on holiday 😊

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**Name:** Rachael Higgins  
**Responsibility:** Learning Assistant –  
Communication & Interaction

**My journey:** I have lived in the Southampton area for all of my life and worked in Southampton schools for the last 16 years. I previously worked in a specialist special educational needs school before joining Oasis.

## A few of my favourite things in school:

- Helping students achieve their full potential
- Working within a great team environment
- Enjoy building relationships with students

Three words  
to describe me:  
Positive, Caring  
and Optimistic

## A few of my favourite things outside of school:

- Spending time with my family
- Going to the cinema
- Going on holiday

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**Name:** Sandra Knight  
**Responsibility:** Teaching Assistant –  
Communication & Interaction

**My journey:** I am a committed member of the community as I have lived in Southampton my whole life. I have worked at the academy for 11 years and have enjoyed it very much.

## A few of my favourite things in school:

- Working alongside students and supporting them
- Working within the SEND team

Three words  
to describe me:  
Kind,  
consistent and  
understanding

## A few of my favourite things outside of school:

- Spending time with my family
- Going on dog walks
- Looking after my grandchildren

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**Name:** April Newton  
**Responsibility:** Teaching Assistant –  
ELSA | Young Carers Support |  
Emotional First AID

**My journey:** I was born in the midlands and raised in Southampton and have lived and worked here since moving to the area as a young child.

I once worked as a nurse at our General hospital before running and managing a business until I became a mother. After supporting my son in school I found I enjoyed working with young people and started working in schools since 1999! I trained as a Counsellor, Emotional First Aider and an ELSA.

## A few of my favourite things in school:

- Supporting students in need
- Supporting in Maths
- Watching school productions!

Three words  
to describe me:  
Calm, Positive,  
Honest

## A few of my favourite things outside of school:

- Personal development
- Socialising with friends
- Creative music

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Name: Ethan Jones  
Responsibility: Librarian

**My journey:** As I'm starting out in this new position, I aim to make the school library a hub of reading, learning and tranquillity for the students at Oasis Lords Hill.

## A few of my favourite things in school:

- Running after schools clubs
- Working alongside fellow colleagues
- Seeing students prosper in their studies

Three words  
to describe me:  
Kind, Humble and  
Considerate

## A few of my favourite things outside of school:

- Watching films and TV Shows
- Spending time with family
- Building and painting miniatures

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**Name:** Naiya Moreno  
**Responsibility:** SEMH Teaching Assistant

**My journey:** I've recently graduated from an undergraduate degree in Psychology and have had an interest in child development and mental health since school. This is my first time working in a secondary school and I'm looking forward to supporting those who need a listening ear.

## A few of my favourite things in school:

- Learning new things from students
- Meeting new people everyday
- every day being different

Three words  
to describe me:  
Calm, caring and  
understanding

## A few of my favourite things outside of school:

- Walking my dog
- Spending time with my family
- Watching tiktok