

LATITUDE

The Admiral Lord Nelson School Magazine



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Winter-Spring Term Issue
2022/23

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And more!

CELEBRATING Last Term

What an amazing term, where each and everyday I know I have the best job in the world!

The learning I see everyday both in and out of classrooms will never stop amazing me as I see all our students and staff working so well together.

A term full of:

- ▶ Sporting success for individuals and teams
- ▶ Loads of trips both here and overseas
- ▶ Brilliant Personal Development days
- ▶ A new school gym for students

and this week I had the pleasure to see the school's production of 'The Addams Family' which was the funniest show I have seen in a long time.

I'd just like to thank our amazing staff for making all of this happen and for going above and beyond to give our students an excellent education and a great experience of school.

To students I'd like to say keep up the great work, keep trying hard, be kind and respectful always and remember 'If it's worth doing then it's worth doing well'.



Chris Roberts

Headteacher of Admiral Lord Nelson School



Student Voice at ALNS

This term we have had a major focus on student voice and student council.

We want every student represented and feeling that they have a voice and that they are listened to...



Student Voice Structure

Senior Students

**HEAD BOY & HEAD GIRL
(DEPUTIES)**

HOUSE CAPTAINS

PREFECT TEAM

SCHOOL COUNCIL

LEAD CHAMPIONS

**YOUNG
CARERS**

**MENTAL HEALTH
AMBASSADORS**

**SUBJECT
CHAMPIONS**

**ANTI-BULLYING
AMBASSADORS**

PRISM

'DIVERSITY'

Students have been applying for their roles and the senior leadership has been appointed ready for next year. There will be much more to hear about this in the future...

Celebration Assemblies & Staff Review





December 2022 saw our Houses spread the Christmas cheer through our annual House Christmas Tree competition, as well as kindly collecting donations for the community of Portsmouth in need at Christmas time. We are so proud of our prefects and the whole school for coming together to help others!

WINNER of the Christmas Tree Competition: MARY ROSE!



Gymnastics Stars!

From Portsmouth Gymnastics Club,
10th December 2022:

What a great day in Telford for our boys who were representing the South region at the National finals.

Louie and Henry were crowned Level 4 Elite champions with Louie winning Gold all round and Henry 7th.

Brilliant results all round for our boys so far this weekend with 40% of boys representing the South from PGC.



Bikeability Week!

Bikeability Week took place on the week of 12th December and what a cold one it was! Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme. It helps you learn practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's roads.

Bikeability gives everyone the confidence to cycle and enjoy this skill for life!



Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

A Book Review by Daria N.

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll is a story about Alice who falls down a rabbit hole and lands into a fantasy world that is full of weird, wonderful people and animals. It is a classic children's book that is also popular with adults.

Personally, at 12, I found the book fascinating and interesting. However I think it's more suitable for younger children who do believe a magic world exists. I never expected the events that happened because they were bizarre and unpredictable. I loved the Cheshire cat's wit and intelligence. I also love the Hatter because his eccentric personality reminded me of the eccentric people I know. My favourite part was when Alice met the caterpillar, this was because of his ambiguous conversation with Alice.

However, I thought the events were sometimes random and didn't always connect. I also disliked the number of characters, this is because sometimes I found it uninteresting and sometimes it meant that I didn't have the development of scenes I wanted.

I believe that it is a clever book that does make you imagine another universe just for yourself. Carroll has depicted a unique world that I hadn't seen before. This is why I believe it is a book that I would recommend.



*Written by Daria N, Year 8,
Mary Rose 10B*

Accelerated Reader Reward Trip!



The reward for Accelerated Reading this year was a free ticket to watch the pantomime show. On the 13th December, a group of Year 7s, 8s and 9s arrived at the King's Theatre to watch Cinderella. The show was funny and exciting, with great gimmicks and music which all viewers could enjoy and sing along to. It puts a modern twist on the classic Cinderella story with new characters, a new story, and a man in drag as the Fairy Godmother, who was named "Twinkletoes"! With a humorous start and a fulfilling end, the performance was amazing for me and my peers and I am glad to have earned the ticket to do so.

Written by a Year 9 student

Year 7 and 8 Girls Football!

On Tuesday 13th December the Year 7 and 8's braved the freezing cold to play against away Castle View. The girls played amazingly with a 7-0 victory and all 7 goals scored by Lily. Really proud of how the Year 7/8's are developing.

Miss Conaghan



Year 10 and 11 Girls Football!

Once again the Year 10 and 11 girls battled hard against a tough side Priory in the freezing cold temperatures. Unfortunately they were defeated and the cold got the better of them. Onto the next one!



Miss Conaghan

Hot Chocolate Friday!



Year 10 Wimbledon Trip!

On Tuesday 10th January, our amazing Year 10 Sports Leaders got invited to Wimbledon for a day of tours, VIP chats and lots of biscuits! The students were provided with the opportunity to see the home of Wimbledon including centre court, meet people who work at the grounds of Wimbledon and be inspired by the venue and the athlete mentors. The Year 10's are into their second year of the program working towards gaining their leadership qualification after a successful 1st year!

As well as meeting and working with athlete mentors, students had the chance to listen to some of the VIP's who were invited to the event to talk about their career path and journey to where they are now.

Miss Conaghan and Mrs Shepperson had a lovely day and were really proud of how the students represented the school!





Basketball Hampshire Cup!

Our Year 9 & 10 boys recently took part in a Hampshire Cup basketball game against TPA. The boys have committed to playing and training in the Portsmouth league, so this was an opportunity to progress further in the Hampshire cup. The boys played some really dynamic and exciting basketball, with all of them making a great impact to the game when they were on court.

I am really pleased to say they controlled the game brilliantly from start to finish and won the game 30-22. We are looking forward to progressing further in the competition. A huge well done to all involved.

Miss Cooper



#ShowingGratitudeInLatitude

Thank You...

The PE department would like to say a huge thank you to Heating Plumbing Supplies Portsmouth and Glowworm for donating us £250 worth of equipment for our new gym.



We have been able to purchase two weights benches and a plyometric box for our students to use.

Donations like this are hugely appreciated and will make a big difference to the enjoyment and engagement of our students in being able to keep fit and healthy.

Thank you very much!

Miss Cooper

Portsmouth Literature Quiz!

On Thursday 26th January, Miss Rolls and Mr Langmore took 8 enthusiastic Year 7 and 8 students to the Portsmouth Literature Quiz. It was great fun and very competitive and even though we didn't win, everyone really loved the experience. The students especially enjoyed getting the autographs of four famous children's writers!

If you want to read any of the books from the Literature Quiz, check them out in our school library! Checkmates by Stewart Foster, Unstoppable by Dan Freedman, Nothing ever happens here by Sarah Hagger-Holt and Rat by Patrice Lawrence. Happy reading!

Miss Rolls



Youth Speaks Debate Competition!

Three Year 9 girls, Maya, Freya and Lily, took part in Youth Speaks Debate competition on 30th January at Portsmouth High School and came runners up! They were fantastic and we are all so proud of them at ALNS.

The girls performed a debate on the gender pay gap in front of a big audience and were up against a lot of well-practiced Year 11 students who have been doing this for years. That didn't stop them though as the girls were just 1 or 2 marks off winning. They were articulate, passionate and confident and completely held their own.

Debate club runs on Tuesdays after school in Science 7 if you would like to be a part of this amazing team!

Ms Ottesen



Well Done to Louie P!

... who has been selected onto the 2023 Men's artistic Development programme at British Gymnastics!

KS3 Girls Football 5-0 WIN against TPA!

On 7th February, Year 7/8 girls played away to TPA where we took a 5-0 win! Goals scored from Millie, Bethan, Eva and Lilly x2! The team are really starting to develop and get some good performances under their belt.

Miss Conaghan



The student becomes the teacher..

I had one of my Year 11 students Connor W, who had expressed an interest in teaching and teaching Geography, deliver a lesson to one of my Year 7 classes. He developed the lesson, the PowerPoint, and then had the entire class completely engaged for the whole lesson. All the Year 7s were great and really supportive, they all followed what he was saying and completed their work to a high standard. I have never seen such confidence from a Year 11 in terms of presentation, and I even picked up a few tips on how to teach!

Connor was grateful for the opportunity and hopefully he gained a lot from the experience!

Mr Cleaver

Apprenticeship Bus!

On Wednesday 8th February, the Apprenticeship Bus visited ALNS to talk to Year 10's about local opportunities available for them after they leave school! We had a variety of organisations ranging from Unloc to the Royal Navy! It was a perfect opportunity for our students to receive insights from people from a range of careers. Thank you to all of our visitors and of course our Year 10's for representing ALNS!



PD Day 4!

Wow - What a great PD Day! (10/02/23)

Year 7 were busy delving into the world of Hogwarts...

Year 8 were learning about World at War with some very special guests (grandparents of staff here recalling their experience in WWII)...

Year 9 were exploring careers available to them after school...

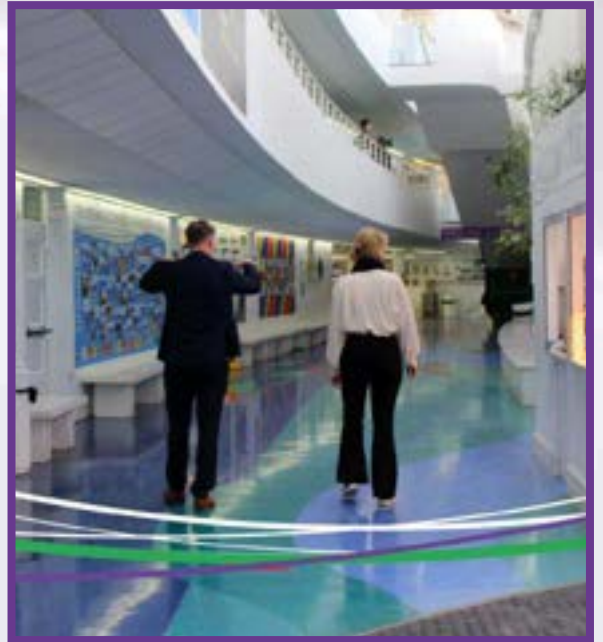
While Year 10 were involved in 'Prison Me No Way' and learning about life in prison...

And finally, Year 11 were learning about the Big Wide World!

We also had the pleasure of some amazing visitors dropping in, such as Mr Waldren's grandmother and Mrs Richards' grandfather to share their experiences about life in WWII, as well as Lady Edwina Grosvenor, High Sheriff of Hampshire!

*ALNS does not support JK Rowling's views on LGBTQ+ rights.







Year 8 go to Ypres!







Visit from Portsmouth FC!



Broadside students had the pleasure of being visited by TJ Yates from Portsmouth Amputee FC on 20th February!

TJ shared his story about losing his leg at 15 which led him to represent Great Britain in wheelchair rugby for a decade, before returning to footballing, his first love, through Portsmouth FC Amputees. He now plays for both Portsmouth and England.



Our students were inspired hearing TJ's story and about how he doesn't let his disability define him. They then headed outside to give football on crutches a go!



Thank you TJ and Portsmouth FC for a fantastic day!



Dance Live! 2023

Admiral Lord Nelson School would like to say a very big well done to all of our amazing Dance Live! participants who performed on 21st February! You should all be very proud of yourselves!

A message from Miss Ryley-Maddock:

'You all brought a tear to my eye with how amazing you performed! The amount of students, teachers and parents that gave us compliments was just a true reflection of how hard we worked!

Thank you for just being you, ALNS dancers! You are fab!

Bring on Dance Live 2024!!! We are ready for you!!!'



Careers Fair!



Thank you to everyone who attended our Careers Fair on 23rd February - We hope you found it helpful to receive information from local employers and colleges about life after school!

If you need any further information at any time, you can speak to our Careers Advisor, Mrs Riches, in the Info Centre!

Thank you to all of the businesses and colleges that kindly visited us!

Business Breakfast!

On 27th February, we launched our 4-week program, 'Business Breakfast', in collaboration with Shaping Portsmouth. This project was aimed at bringing businesses into schools and educate students about a variety of sectors.

A unique opportunity to meet local business and industry people, to hear about work and business opportunities in Portsmouth, get inspired and start thinking about their future - all in an informal, friendly atmosphere, with a cup of coffee and a biscuit. What better way to start your week!

Thank you to all our students that attended and of course, thank you to our visitors for coming in to talk to our pupils about the world of business!



Change Makers!

Miss Cooper and Miss Conaghan took some Year 10 students on Saturday 12th March to Fratton Park. They were invited to take part in a leadership programme called 'Change Makers' this looks to empower women, particularly in sport. The girls had a really lovely day, despite the final score at the football. They got to see some behind the scenes at Fratton Park as well as attending the match. We look forward to working with Pompey in the community on upcoming events surrounding womens football and inclusivity in sport.

Miss Conaghan



Well done Freya and Gulliver!

Freya B and Gulliver B in Year 7 attended the Cross-Country event at PGS. They were amazing! They both run for Portsmouth Athletics Club and are very committed athletes. They finished as 1st placed boy and 1st placed girl... Incredible! They now go onto the county event in Basingstoke next week with the chance to compete at the Nationals.

A huge well done to these two fantastic athletes.



International Women's Day!

To celebrate IWD 2023, we asked students which female teachers they would like to shout-out - See below for their responses!



Year 9 Netball Success!



On Monday 13th March our Year 9 girls played two netball games, one against Trafalgar and the other against Priory.

Our girls played some outstanding netball and won both games, finishing in 1st place. They played so well together and really enjoyed competing. As far as teams go...this one certainly stood out as being incredibly talented. A huge well done for a really successful tournament.

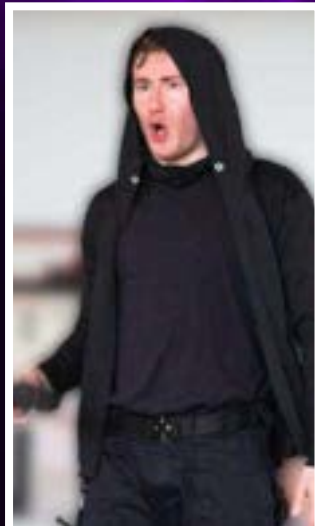
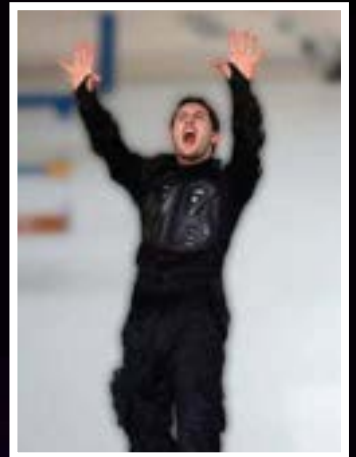
Miss Cooper

Box Clever Theatre Performance!

On Wednesday 15th March, Box Clever Theatre performed Macbeth to our Year 9 and 11 students!

The fast-paced performance brought the play to life, twisting a modern spin on a classic, through amazing stagecraft. This interactive performance featured students getting involved in key scenes and delivering lines in the performance itself!

Thank you so much to @boxclevertheatre for visiting us and giving our students this amazing experience!



Teacher Profiles



Interviews by Ben H, Year 7

Miss Driscoll

Me: How long have you worked here?

Mrs Driscoll: *17 long years.*

Me: Why did you want to be a teacher?

Mrs Driscoll: *I wanted a job that would make a difference but also be different every day.*

Me: What was your first job?

Mrs Driscoll: *I worked in a restaurant serving food to people and taking their money.*

Me: What is the weirdest thing you have ever have done?

Mrs Driscoll: *Pretended I was in prison in Brighton with my friends and tried to escape.*



Mr Gray

Me: How long have you worked here?

Mr Gray: *I think this is my 17th year.*

Me: Why did you want to be a teacher?

Mr Gray: *So, when I was travelling, I did some work in schools and I really enjoyed it. So I looked at that.*

Me: What was your first job?

Mr Gray: *I worked at a pine wood workshop. I swept the floors, and made tea for £2.50 an hour.*

Me: What is the weirdest thing you've ever done?

Mr Gray: *I have eaten a tarantula, and drank a snake blood drink.*



Mr Wisbey

Me: How long have you worked here?

Mr Wisbey: *Over 20 years.*

Me: Why did you want to be a teacher?

Mr Wisbey: *Because I love science and I wanted to share the awe and wonder science can bring.*

Me: What was your first job?

Mr Wisbey: *I used to work in a photography shop developing photos, serving customers and taking photos of people.*

Me: What was the weirdest thing you've ever done?

Mr Wisbey: *I don't know. One of the things I used to do in the labs was I used to make little container bombs and leave it in the room to scare the other scientists. I used to jog many years ago and I got stamped on by some deer in a park. I also ate maggots, mealworms and locusts. I ate a grub alive as well.*



Miss Quinn

Me: How long have you worked here?

Miss Quinn: *Since January 2022.*

Me: Why did you want to be a teacher?

Miss Quinn: *I am really inspired by all the Polyglots (people who speak lots of languages) and I feel that in the UK we do not have enough of them. I would like people to ditch their monolingual life.*

Me: What was your first job?

Miss Quinn: *I worked in Tesco when I was 15 for seven months. I did not get a uniform.*

Me: What is the weirdest thing you have ever done?

Miss Quinn: *I was in the Tempelhof Airfield in Berlin, Germany. I was sitting in the park on a hot summer's day, working on my laptop, and suddenly a loud Mexican band turned up with a lot of little banjos, and hats on, and started playing music. They turned up one by one, and there were 40.*



Year 9 Boys Football!

The Year 9 boys battled well against a strong Mayfield side on Monday 13th March that resulted in a 3-3 draw.

It was a very fast start to the game with ALNS taking the lead from a well delivered corner from Henley that landed on the head of Toby who headed the ball in the bottom right corner. Mayfield responded well to going behind and equalised from a well struck free kick.

ALNS continued to move the ball well and create some chances in the first half and eventually won themselves a penalty. Freddie stepped up to take and finished it in the bottom left corner putting ALNS 2-1 up going into half time.

Mayfield started the second half well and equalised again making the score 2-2 and then half way through the half, took the lead making it 2-3. ALNS continued to battle well and a ball went over the top for Freddie to score his 2nd of the game and volley it home. The boys played very well and deserved the result!

Mr Probert

African Themed Cooking Class!

On 17th March, 16 students took part in a cooking class led by Pamodzi Creatives, a local non-profit organisation who celebrate inspirational local stories and collaborates with creatives to challenge, affirm and inspire our communities!

The session was carried out by Carol H, who is Zambian born, and students teamed up in pairs to follow an African recipe. The smells in the room were incredible!

Thank you to Pamodzi Creatives for this amazing opportunity.



Unloc Mental Health Roadshow!

On 21st March, 50 Year 7-10 students took part in a Mental Health Roadshow which included lots of activities focused on wellbeing and mental health. It was a fantastic day - Thank you to Unloc for hosting and the NHS representatives for also attending!



Mary Rose Duck Challenge!

Well done to Isabella who painted a duck on a duck for the Mary Rose Duck Challenge!

The Mary Rose duck hunt involves ducks planted all over the school, and the tutor group to find the most wins pizza for their tutor group!



HEARTSTOPPER

A Book Review

You should read Heartstopper because it's very unique and shows it is OK to be yourself. I liked it because it is unlike anything that I have read before. I would rate the book a 4/5.



Pampering Session at All Saints Church!

On Wednesday 22nd March, we spent a beautiful morning with the Inspirational Women at @portsmouthcityofsanctuary. We were of service to others, shouted affirmations and learned the importance of the language that we use about ourselves.

Thank you to Shamila and her colleagues for your generosity and hospitality!



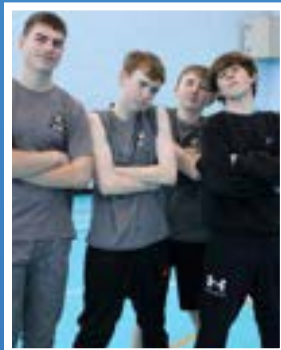
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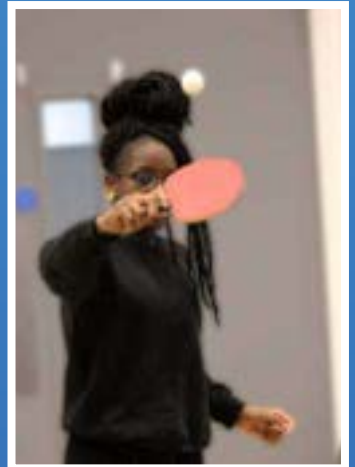


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Winter Sports Day!

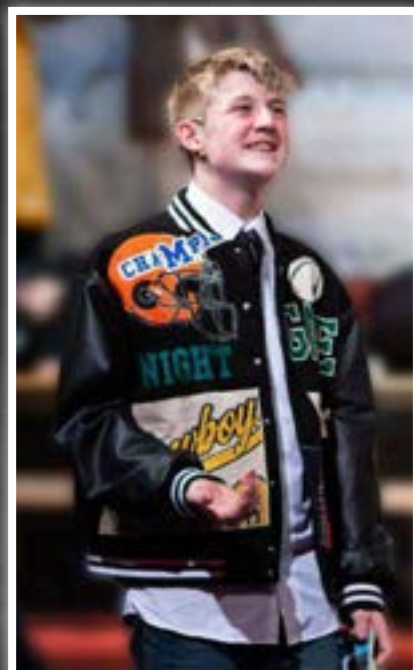


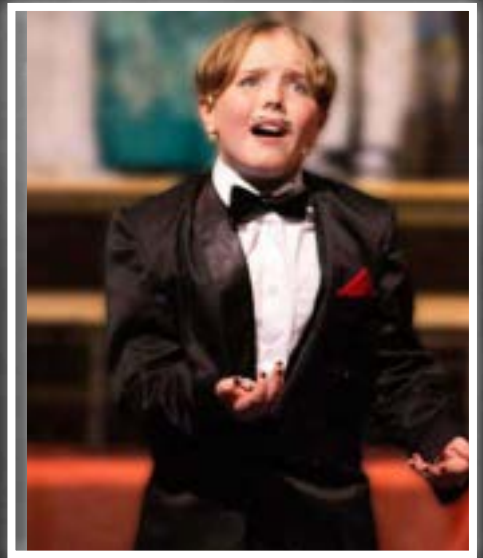




The ADDAMS Family

THE MUSICAL COMEDY





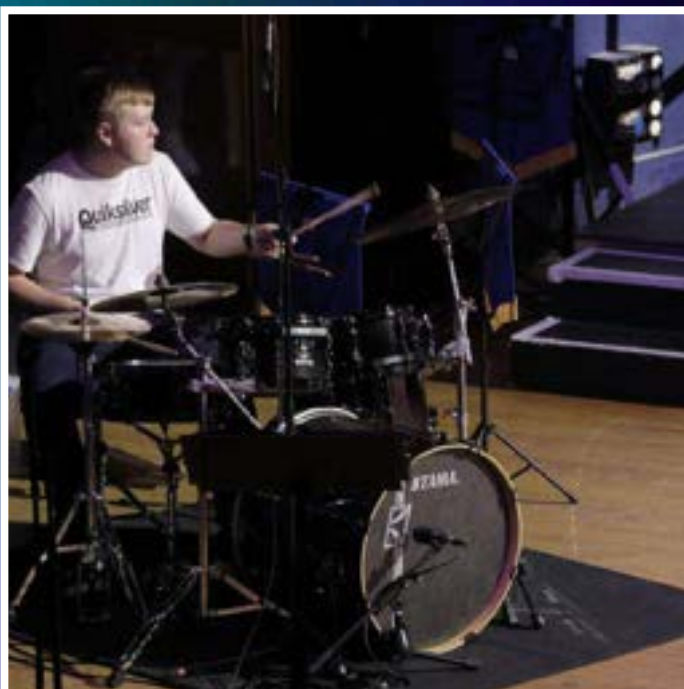




Soundsational at Portsmouth Guildhall!

On 29th March, students performed at Soundsational at Portsmouth Guildhall! Soundsational is a concert held at the Guildhall which allows many of the secondary schools in the area to come together and perform.

Our students performed Boys Don't Cry by the Cure, Johnny B Goode by Chuck Berry and Use Somebody by Kings of Leon and were given huge praise by all in attendance including staff from various other local schools. Well done to all!





Staff Goodbyes

Mr Spacagna

Teacher of Art and Design Technology

Admiral Lord Nelson School would like to say goodbye and good luck to Mr Spacagna who is beginning an exciting new adventure in his career after 4 and a half years here at ALNS. Mr Spacagna has been dedicated to teaching our students the wonderful world of Design and we will miss him greatly!



Mr Wisbey

Teacher of Science

Admiral Lord Nelson School would like to say goodbye and good luck to Mr Wisbey who is beginning an exciting new adventure in his career after an incredible 22 years here at ALNS! Mr Wisbey has been an asset to Admiral Lord Nelson School and we will miss him dearly. Good luck and thank you Mr Wisbey!



Mrs Gouge

Senior Safeguarding Officer

Admiral Lord Nelson School would like to say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Gouge. You may know her from the Medical room. Mrs Gouge has provided excellent care and compassion to our students over the past 2 years and we thank her for her dedication to the welfare of our students. You will be missed, Mrs Gouge!



Mrs Hockey

Teaching Assistant

Admiral Lord Nelson School would like to say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Hockey who has been with us for 19 years! Mrs Hockey has been an incredible teaching assistant to our students and the ALNS family will miss her very much. Thank you Mrs Hockey!



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