

James Brindley Academy



July 2023

September 2023 Updates

Changes in the CfL

Dear CfL students,

The staff at the CfL wanted to get in touch with you to let know some of our plans and changes for September 2023.

You may be aware of some change amongst the staff team, and we wanted to introduce some of the new staff to you before we begin lessons in the new academic year.

Although change can be difficult, we want to let you know that we are all dedicated to making sure that you have access to lessons that are interesting, thought provoking and improve your knowledge. We want to work with you to make this a reality, and to also get new ideas for events and projects you might like to be involved in over the next year.

Important Dates for September:

- 4th-9th September – Getting to know us (JBA Staff)
- 8th September – International Literacy Day
- 19th September – International Talk like a Pirate Day
- 29th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are all greatly looking forward to meeting you in September and working with you within the CfL.

Best wishes,

JBA Staff Team

“Continuity gives us roots, change gives us branches – letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights.” - Pauline R Kezer



Staff Team

Kevin – Centre Leader

Laura – SENCO / Science

Aparna - Maths

Sarah - English

Rob - Music

Kelly – Catering / Art

Sarah - Art

Genna – Art

Naida - Admin

Get to know us!

Staff Photographs



Kevin - Centre Leader

Hi, I am computing teaching originally but have taught many subjects. I have worked at James Brindley for 4 years. In my spare time I love to run,

read and row! My favourite type of book is science fiction – anything with dragons!



Sarah -English teacher

Hi there. In typical English teacher style, I love to read in my spare time! I enjoy many different genres of books and I'm looking forward to hearing about your

favourite books and discussing why they are important to you.



Laura - Senco and Science teacher

Hi everyone! I have worked at JBA for the last 8 years. My favourite science is Chemistry in which I completed my degree. In my spare time I like to visit historical places (especially castles)

or watch scary films!



Kelly - Catering and Art teacher

Hi I'm Kelly, I have been teaching art for nearly three years with James Brindley and I can't wait to join you at Ardenleigh in September. In my spare time I love doing anything arty. I have a degree in

Fashion Design and so and look forward to offering catering and textiles too!



Aparna - Maths Teacher

I have been Maths teacher nearly 18 years. I have been with James Brindley for 8 years including one year at Ardenleigh. I would like to thank you for welcoming me and letting me help you develop your

mathematical skills. I enjoy gardening and cooking, that is why you saw me helping at different occasions in the kitchen and we grew some herbs together. Looking forward to seeing you after summer holidays.



Rob - Music Teacher

Hi everyone. You already know me and I'm sure enjoy our music lessons together! I am excited to continue working with your in September and will be seeing a bit more of you for the first half term!



Sarah - Art Teacher

I have been a member of the James Brindley Team for many, many years (before the dinosaurs!) 23 to be precise. I have worked all over the sectors except for Ardenleigh, so this is an exciting, new opportunity for me which I am really looking forward to. I am hoping to share my passion for Art and to be inspired by your young, creative minds.



Naida – Admin

Hello. Most of you will already know me. I am the admin and have been at Ardenleigh for nearly 4 years. I have the huge responsibility and honour of giving out the glasses when you want water! I also invigilate exams – boooo!!! Outside of Ardenleigh I enjoy reading, especially biographies and factual books, and like watching game shows – where I realise I am the world's foremost expert in guessing answers – and getting them mostly wrong!



Genna - Art Teacher

Hi, I have taught Art for nearly 20 years now – gosh that makes me feel old! I have been with James Brindley for 4 years and I enjoyed meeting some of you in the Art lessons in July. In my spare time, I love to craft and crochet, spend time outdoors and unwind with a great thriller!