

## Support for Learning Team at Craigie High School

Welcome to our new S1s!

My name is Mrs Smith and some of you may have already met me.

Things have been much more difficult this year due to the current restrictions, but we are here to reassure you that our transition plans are still going full steam ahead!

You will also be reassured to know that last year's new S1s were in a similar position (can you believe we are still going through it!) and they have settled in well to Craigie High School.

Our staff understand that your primary 7 has not been a typical year – there have been highs and lows and we will work with you to make sure your transition is as good as it could be!

In the next few slides, you will meet the support for learning team and learn more about us – we can't wait to learn all about you. We will learn about you through Microsoft Teams and our transition visits.

Remember Support for Learning is a bit different in high school, even if you have never needed support for learning before, you might still encounter us at various points along your school journey.

We hope you are as excited as we are to start this journey with you.



## Miss Gavine

Hi, my name is Ms Gavine.

I'm a Support for Learning Teacher. As part of my role, I support pupils from Lomond house.

#### <u>Things about me</u>

I have a dog called Barney I like rowing so much; I've just built my own boat. My favourite food is a curry.

#### Favourite thing to do in school

I love supporting pupils in class and seeing them complete work they found really challenging.



## Ms van Geete

### Hey peeps,

My name is Ms van Geete, welcome to Craigie!

I am a Support for Learning teacher, but I also teach Maths and Numeracy; which I am very passionate about helping you enjoy and do your very best in. You may also meet me to support lots of areas of your learning journey in Craigie to help you achieve the very best you can across all your learning. I am House Tutor for Skye also.

### Things about me:

- I am an Irish/Belgian Scot which means I have a funny name, love a ceilidh and have very good taste in chocolate!
- I love wild swimming, cycling, hillwalking, and camping.
- I am a committed Christian and I really enjoy meeting people from different faiths and cultures and sharing our stories

### Favourite thing to teach:

•It must be numeracy and math. A lot of young people tell me they are not 'good' at math and I really enjoy helping you all learn in different ways and have eureka experiences so that you begin to understand you are able to achieve well in numeracy and math and other STEM subjects.

•I also enjoy teaching thinking and learning skills and most importantly how the brain learns. Once you understand your best way of learning the world is truly your oyster!!

•Most of all I like learning about my pupils, what you enjoy, favourite subjects, hopes for the future and how to help you achieve your goals. My pupils this week wanted me to understand their love of Minecraft so they have been teaching me!



Hey Primary 7's, My name is Mr Cormack and I've worked at Craigie High and also Craigiebarns Primary for a long time now...long before you guys were born!

I'm a Support for Learning Teacher and I support learners from Nevis House. It's a really exciting time for you guys moving up to High school and I'm here to make sure you get all the support here to make your time at Craigie memorable.

### Mr Cormack

### • Things about me:

- I love music. I try to listen to it as much as possible as it makes chores like washing dishes or cutting grass much easier. I also play the guitar. I learnt when I was in high school (which was a long time ago!!!!) and I still try to play everyday. I love learning new songs and get excited when I can play them from start to finish.
- Football is also a big hobby of mine. I enjoy watching matches, but I much prefer playing. I play for a local amateur team, and we train twice a week and play matches on a Saturday.
- Favourite things to teach:
- Over the years I have taught a lots of subjects. I loved Technical when I was at High School and continue to enjoy it, especially woodwork. I feel great satisfaction when I finish a project and the model looks great.
- I also love teaching Geography. I love finding out where cities and countries are situated in the world. I am also eager to learn about the people and their cultures.



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## Mrs Jenkins

Hi everyone, my name is Mrs Jenkins. I am one of the Support for Learning Teachers in the school. I am here to help you with many different aspects of your learning. You might see me in some of your classes, if you are struggling with your learning or indeed need assistance with anything else, please speak to me and I will help you anyway I can.

### Things about me:

- I love baking birthday cakes and cookies and all sorts of goodies
- I have a caravan and love going away for the weekend in it
- I am a massive Harry Potter fan. If I went to Hogwarts, I would be in Gryffindor. If I taught at Hogwarts, I would be The Defence Against The Dark Arts Teacher!
- I have a gorgeous grandson called Andrew who is very nearly 6

### Favourite things to teach:

• I don't have a favourite thing to teach. However, I do love helping individuals achieve their best at school!



# Mrs Smith

Hello First Years!

I'm the Principal Teacher of Support for Learning which means I have the fantastic job of helping all pupils across the school!

If you see me in the corridors, class or social time please let me know how you are getting on and whether you need any help.



### Things about me

- I have a dog called Diego. He is a German Shepherd puppy and is absolutely HUGE!
- I also have two cats called Belle & Tiger who are slowly getting used to having a puppy as a brother!

### Favourite thing to do in school

• I love helping pupils to achieve their learning goals and go onto a career that they love when they leave school.



# Things Support for Learning staff can help with...



- We can help you in class by supporting you with your work
- We can work in the background to make sure you are able to do your work, e.g., work with teachers to ensure they know your barriers
- We can do testing, such as dyslexia testing, or investigate other difficulties
- We can sign post you to the right places if you are feeling low or having a problem with a friend
- We can help you with assessments by sitting with you in a separate room, with extra time and a computer, if necessary
- We can show you where to go at interval and lunch if you need a bit of space
- Support staff will be in the Inclusion Base and the canteen to help you
- We are there to make your life at Craigie High School better
- Most importantly don't panic if you need anything, just let us know

### What you can do to help





 Speak to us! We are here to listen and help

 Let us know when you are having a problem

 Don't be afraid to say you need help – that's the whole reason we are here!

### ✓ Do your BEST!