

Meet the English Department

Mrs Morgan – Subject Leader



1. What is your favourite thing about teaching at HTC?

My favourite thing about working at HTC is the students. The behaviour is excellent and we are a real community. We pull together and care about each other.

2. Who is your favourite literary character and why?

My favourite literary character is Matilda from the book by Roald Dahl. She is great because she's incredibly smart and independent.

3. Which quote makes you feel motivated and inspired?

My motivational quotation is:

"You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view... Until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it." — Harper Lee, *To Kill a Mockingbird*

It's really important to think about things from other people's perspective, although sometimes it can be a challenge. This quotation reminds me to be measured about things and to think things through carefully.

4. What makes you laugh?

Usually it's my students who make me laugh the most. I hear some very funny stories from students and they brighten up my week.

5. Which colour best represents your personality and why?

I would say that navy blue represents me the most. I tend to wear blue a lot at school. I often wear 'all blue': a blue dress, blue tights and blue shoes. I sometimes wonder if it is my own HTC uniform!

Mr Clouting – Assistant Subject Leader



1. What is your favourite thing about teaching at HTC?

My favourite thing about teaching at HTC is the fact that every day is different and the students are always surprising me with what they show they can do.

2. Who is your favourite literary character and why?

My favourite literary character is Winston Smith in '1984' by George Orwell. The reason for this is because, even though he faces many challenges, there always seems to be some hope that he will succeed. Even at the end of the novel, and I have read it many times, you get the sense that perhaps things will change. I sometimes expect that as I read it that the end will change and that there will be a 'happy' ending.

What I take away from it is that, even in the darkest times, we must have hope and the belief that we can change things for the better whatever adversity we face. That human nature will always strive to overcome over whelming odds.

3. Which quote makes you feel motivated and inspired?

I always come back to this quote as one that inspires and motivates me: "The limits of my language mean the limits of my world" by Ludwig Wittgenstein.

The reason why I find it so inspirational is that to me it is saying: we need to learn and continue to learn new things, however old we are, so that we can better understand the world we live in. At the centre of this, and the reason why I became an English teacher, are that the words we are able to use are the way that we can then explore the world that we live in. Without that language the world that we live in now would not exist because we could not describe it. So the more words that we have, and can use, the better we can then describe that world and think about ways we need to change it so that it becomes a fairer and better place.

4. What makes you laugh?

Apart from me - anything that is funny that doesn't cause offence. That doesn't mean it can't challenge prejudice but it shouldn't support it.

5. Which colour best represents your personality and why?

The colour that best represents me - although I never wear it - is yellow as it feels bright and optimistic.

Mrs Tearle – English Teacher



1. What is your favourite thing about teaching at HTC?

I absolutely love working at HTC with our fantastic students and learning about English which is the best subject in the world! I have been teaching a long time and students still teach me things every day!

2. Who is your favourite literary character and why?

I love Hermione Granger. She is a powerful girl, who is brainy and brave: what is not to love!

3. Which quote makes you feel motivated and inspired?

“If you want the rainbow, you have to put up with the rain!”

4. What makes you laugh?

I love stand-up comedy!

5. Which colour best represents your personality and why?

Purple, but mainly because it is my favourite. I think it is a healthy mix of broody, strong and bold: perfect description of me!



Miss Maddison – English Teacher



1. What is your favourite thing about teaching at HTC?

I love being able to explore the subject I love with students who are willing to think and challenge themselves; so many students at HTC are willing to think about ideas in new and exciting ways.

2. Who is your favourite literary character and why?

My favourite character from literature would have to be either Fevvers from 'Nights at The Circus' or Mr Jelly. Fevvers is brave and confident about who she is, and Mr Jelly tackles his fears head becoming a happier (jelly) person. Very uplifting stuff, I'm sure you'll agree!

3. Which quote makes you feel motivated and inspired?

“The philosophers have only interpreted the world in various ways; the point, however, is to change it.” - Karl Marx

4. What makes you laugh?

Many things make me laugh, especially silly puns.

5. Which colour best represents your personality and why?

If I had to choose only one colour, I would choose green. There are so many shades of green representing a multitude of characteristics, so surely everyone is a bit green.



Miss Fraser – English Teacher



1. *What is your favourite thing about teaching at HTC?*

My favourite thing about teaching at HTC is the strong bonds that I build with the students. I love how well the students know me, and equally how well I know them!

2. *Who is your favourite literary character and why?*

My favourite literary character has to be Juliet, from 'Romeo and Juliet'. She appears quiet and obedient, but in fact shows incredible strength, bravery, intelligence, wit and independence. I consider myself to have some of these traits!

3. *Which quote makes you feel motivated and inspired?*

A quote that makes me feel motivated and inspired is:
"Everything will be ok in the end. If it's not ok, it's not the end."
This is something that I truly believe in.

4. *What makes you laugh?*

Despite the fact that I love to laugh and laugh at most things, the thing that makes me laugh the most has to be Michael McIntyre! I find him very funny!



5. *Which colour best represents your personality and why?*

The colour that best represents my personality is Pink. It is a bright and happy colour, but also it represents friendship and affection.

Ms Tomlinson – English Teacher



1. *What is your favourite thing about teaching at HTC?*

My colleagues are brilliant – working with them puts a smile on my face. I also enjoy laughing with my students and hearing them interpret texts with fresh new perspectives.

2. *Who is your favourite literary character and why?*

I don't have just one favourite, but right now I feel like Matilda is a great role model for resilience and ingenuity – something we have all had to be a bit more of these days!



3. *Which quote makes you feel motivated and inspired?*

"The day you plant the seed is not the day you eat the fruit."
Patience and determination will pay off if you give it time.
Don't expect to be able to do everything well right away!
Be kind to yourself and give yourself time to grow...

4. *What makes you laugh?*

I love videos of squirrels unsuccessfully trying to eat out of bird feeders (especially the ones that spin!).

5. *Which colour best represents your personality and why?*

Lime green best represents my character because I'm bright, quite loud, and fun!



1. What is your favourite thing about teaching at HTC?

In my opinion, people make a place. I love teaching at HTC because I find everyone is so nice! The staff are all lovely and I've met some wonderful students. Good company really matters.

2. Who is your favourite literary character and why?

My favourite literary character is Winnie the Pooh. He is so insightful and laid back and I use his simple words of wisdom often in life. Plus, his ambition and love for honey is to be respected as he is more than just a silly ol' bear.

3. Which quote makes you feel motivated and inspired?

"Getting over a painful experience is much like crossing the monkey bars. You have to let go at some point in order to move forward." – C.S. Lewis.

"If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got." - Henry Ford.

4. What makes you laugh?

I quite enjoy a good meme or funny animal clip. Usually, any involving the daily life of cats or dogs being adorable – reviewing food, being bamboozled... or just being themselves.



5. Which colour best represents your personality and why?

Purple! It brings me a lot of joy. It always has! When I think of the colour, I think of royalty and elegance - and I am neither of these things. But I do strive to act like I am sometimes.



We look forward to seeing you soon...