

Welcome to Holgate Introducing the leadership team

We empower | We respect | We care



Mr Pennington - Principal

Likes: Pupils who try hard, rugby and Everton FC.

Dislikes: Bad manners and Everton FC.

What is your job at Holgate? As Principal, I am in charge of the academy and ensure that all students have the opportunity to be the best that they can be.

What is the best thing about working at Holgate? The staff – our students are very lucky to have dedicated and caring staff. Our community is everything. We are Holgate!



Mrs Matthews – Vice Principal

Likes: Star Wars, films, Disney and all sorts of music.

Dislikes: Onions and insects/bugs.

What is your job at Holgate? Vice principal and music teacher.

What is the best thing about working at Holgate? The amazing staff and students.



Mr Lees – Assistant Principal

Likes: Playing rugby, reading, poetry and military history.

Dislikes: Bad manners, football and waste.

What is your job at Holgate? To help students be the best they can be in terms of our core values – Manners, Determination and Teamwork.

What is the best thing about working at Holgate? The strong sense of teamwork and passion that the staff bring to the academy and our students.



Mr Ellis – Assistant Principal

Likes: Cycling, skiing, reading fiction, quizzes and spaghetti bolognese.

Dislikes: Rudeness, olives, when it rains for weeks.

What is your job at Holgate? Timetables, options, trips and visits, post-16, careers support and teaching PE.

What is the best thing about working at Holgate? To be able to work with a great set of teachers and students.



Mr Diamond - Assistant Principal

Likes: Open water swimming, rugby, cooking and watching sport.

Dislikes: Poor manners, mushrooms and reality TV.

What is your job at Holgate? As a member of the senior leadership team I lead on safeguarding, attendance, admissions and transition. I also teach PE.

What is the best thing about working at Holgate? Seeing our students being the best that they can be and working with a great team of staff.



Miss Chauhan - Assistant Pennington

Likes: Reading, cooking, dancing, interiors and making things.

Dislikes: Unloading the dishwasher and running.

What is your job at Holgate? I lead on teaching and learning. I also teach science and psychology.

What is the best thing about working at Holgate? The team of students and staff make the academy - they are very supportive and caring. It feels like one big family which is lovely to be a part of.





