

Pastoral Support Team



“Every Child Matters” Five Outcomes:

Be Healthy

Stay Safe

Enjoy and Achieve

Make a positive contribution

Achieve economic well-being

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ST ALBAN'S SCHOOL HAS A STRONG PASTORAL TEAM THAT WORK TOGETHER FOR THE BENEFIT OF ITS PUPILS. THEY OFFER A SUPPORT NETWORK THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL, ALLOWING YOUR CHILD TO SHARE THEIR CONCERNS AND WORRIES. OUR STAFF ARE IDENTIFIED BELOW

Melody Bradley – Key Stage 3 Student Support Manager

Melody has a B.A. (Hons) degree in Early Childhood Studies from University of East Anglia. She worked for seven years running various nurture groups at a local primary school. Since May 2006 she has worked as the Student Support Manager for Key Stage 3 at St. Albans. She is concerned with overseeing the pastoral care of the students in that key stage and for monitoring behaviour and attendance.

She is a qualified bereavement counsellor and has worked for CRUSE Bereavement Care.

She has two grown up children, both of whom attended St. Alban's, a menagerie of animals and is interested in travel, photography and going to the cinema and theatre.

Simon Scott – Key Stage 4 Student Support Manager

Simon is a former pupil of St. Alban's and also studied 'A' Levels at Copleston School. He carries out exactly the same role as Melody Bradley but with Years 10 & 11. The Student Support Manager role gives students the chance to talk about any issues or problems with a non-teaching member of staff. Simon works closely with outside agencies to support our students in the best possible way. Simon is also involved in the students' transition from Year 9 to Year 10. In conjunction with the Pastoral Team, Simon hopes to help Key Stage 4 students with any pastoral issues they may have as well as addressing any behaviour concerns.

His previous employment was in banking although he has been involved in a lot of youth work in a voluntary capacity. Simon currently oversees the youth work and youth programme for the 12-18 age range for The Salvation Army in Felixstowe. Simon is married with a young son and is an avid Ipswich Town fan and season ticket holder! He enjoys playing and watching most sports and also enjoys listening to and playing music.

Zoe Knight – Key Stage 5 Student Support Manager

Pastoral support in the 6th form includes ensuring that students have access to the extra-curricular support they need to study at a higher level and be fully part of a vibrant sixth form where they can achieve success and develop as young adults. Zoe's job role includes supporting students with, for example: their attendance, Education Maintenance Allowance, 6th form fundraising and the 6th form Council, and University applications.

Although only employed in the role since September 2007, Zoe is keen to develop the role and ensure that 6th form students continue to be actively involved as role models and mentors for the younger pupils.

Prior to joining St Albans, Zoe worked in a comparable role at a further education college and in liaison roles for local government and the private sector. Zoe recently completed a BSc (Hons) degree in Social Science with the Open University and enjoys reading novels.

Pauline Young & Leanne Hales – Connexions Advisers

Suffolk Youth and Connexions Service offer an information, advice and support service for 13-19 year olds across the county. Pauline and Yvonne are the advisers working in St Alban's. Pauline and Yvonne are available to give students advice and guidance on a range of options, including choosing the right course, career decisions and personal development issues.

Cilla Gilson – Safeguarding Officer

Cilla is a former student and parent of the school. She has a B.A. (Hons) Degree in Education a national Diploma in Youth and Community work and is a qualified student counsellor. Cilla has worked for Suffolk County Council for a number of years. She was employed as a youth worker within the Southern Area for twelve years and took on several responsibilities in this time. She was employed as the social inclusion officer for the same area before leaving to undertake her teacher training at Farlington High School. She also trained and worked as a part time Relationship /student counsellor for Relate Ipswich for ten years.

Her role as safeguarding officer makes her responsible for every person in the school; ensuring they are aware of their behaviour and potential risks. It is also Cilla's responsibility to liaise with students, parents, agencies and colleagues, reporting concerns when and where necessary.

Dyonne Smith - Behaviour Support Assistant

Dyonne has worked with young people for the past thirteen years. This has ranged from Residential Support Work for Special Needs/Brain injuries, Specialist Assistant for Autism at Beacon Hill, Learning support, and now behaviour support. Dyonne is currently working on a Diploma in Youth Counselling. She deals with day to day issues, isolation and works with pupils on social issues such as anger and self esteem.

Elizabeth Serpell - School Chaplain

Elizabeth has a degree in Modern Languages from the University of Oxford and a Postgraduate Certificate in Education. In 2001 she completed the Cambridge Diploma in Religious Studies, and has been a tutor in Christianity for the Suffolk Interfaith Centre. She has also taught local history courses for the Suffolk College and is a Town Guide in Ipswich. She has three grown-up children, one of whom had special needs, who all went to St Alban's. For a number of years she ran the confirmation course at St Mary's Church.

Elizabeth co-ordinates the liturgical life of the school – Masses, Confessions and other services – as well as Reflection Days and retreats. She can help Sixth Formers find some community service activities, and is involved in fundraising for charities throughout the school. When she is in school she is very happy to act as a listening ear for pupils or staff who need to talk to someone. She has been at St Alban's since 2003, and works three and a half days a week.