

Support Staff IVs

Matilda Deja



- 1) I am the librarian at Parliament Hill School, I also run the EPQ which is the Extended Project Qualification offered to our 6th form students across LaSWAP.
- 2) I have been at Parliament Hill for over 13 years. I joined as an English teacher and became the librarian in 2018 when our wonderful librarian retired after 35 years of service.
- 3) I couldn't possibly pick one best part of the job when there are so many! I love book shopping, curating a space that students use with so much passion, book chats - the list is endless.
- 4) I enjoy working with students because of their honesty, constant questions and their vim! No two days are the same...
- 5) I have so much autonomy as the librarian and feel like a trusted and valued member of the school community. I've been lucky to train and work in other schools and appreciate the unique setting of our school. We are a school that genuinely encourages debate and free-thinking. We also manage to balance being an ambitious academic institution without sucking the life out of learning.
- 6) I definitely feel supported working at PHS. I have a line manager with the scope to action change and despite being the only librarian I am thoughtfully included in the CDP programme. I am encouraged to be creative and in turn promote creativity amongst the students.
- 7) Over the last 4 years I have added exciting responsibilities to my role and taken the job in the direction that plays to my strengths. I am looking forward to the next 10 years at Parli and genuinely believe I could retire here.

Kheira Laouamri

- 1) I am one of the Science Technicians at PHS.
- 2) I have been working at PHS for 4 years.
- 3) The best part of my job is sharing the excitement I have for science with students through practical experiments, this allows students to grasp different scientific concepts by carrying out investigations and having fun at the same time! It often involves all their senses and gives them the opportunity to make discoveries of their own which is truly special.
- 4) I feel very honoured to have the opportunity to contribute to the learning and growth of the next generation of women in our community. Particularly young girls that want to embark on a career in STEM and young Muslim women.
- 5) I enjoy being able to contribute to their learning journey and being able to set a good example in terms of behaviour and work ethic.
- 6) I feel very appreciated by everyone around me at PHS. I have been able to develop in my role throughout the years and gain new skills and confidence as an individual.
- 7) There is a great support system at PHS and a strong sense of community and belonging. We are encouraged to reach out to one another and look out for one another, I feel very supported and valued at Parli.
- 8) I absolutely feel I have the scope to develop my career at PHS! I have had the opportunity to work with experienced technicians and teachers throughout the years and will continue to do so.

Teaching Staff IVs

Michael Myburgh – Teacher of English/ Film and Media



1. I teach English, Film and Media Studies. I'm also a Year 9 tutor.
2. I've been working at PHS since September 2021.
3. I'd have to say the best part of my job is getting to interact with young people every day. They never fail to surprise me with their intelligence, passion, and desire to succeed. Their sense of humour is also spectacular and I love that a day doesn't go by where students don't make me laugh.
4. When I started teaching, I felt single-sex schools were outdated and old-fashioned. However, many studies have been done which show that girls in all-girls' schools achieve better academically, are more confident to voice their opinions, and are more likely to embrace extra-curricular opportunities. By giving girls a stronger start in life, all-girls' schools help set up girls for success later life. For me, all-girls' schools are essential in beginning to redress systemic issues of gender-based inequity, something I am deeply passionate about and so working at an all-girls' school perfectly aligns with my personal and professional values.
5. There are so many things I enjoy about working with students. But I'd have to say what I enjoy most is when students have a classic 'light bulb' moment. Knowing that my teaching has made a significant change in a student's thinking or understanding always makes me realise why I became a teacher.
6. PHS is a fantastic place to work. The students are motivated and engaged and staff across the school are friendly and supportive. It's also wonderful to work right next to Hampstead Heath! There's a relaxed and calm atmosphere around the school but also an excitement and electricity - it's a place alive with the motivation of the students and staff. There's never a day where I wake up dreading to come here.
7. In both my roles as teacher and tutor I have always felt supported. I have never felt unable to ask for support and when I have asked for support it has always been given quickly.
8. Yes, definitely! There are so many opportunities to develop in whatever direction you want your career to take. I plan to focus my career on the curriculum side of the role, rather than pastoral. I have already been able to attend several courses to help me achieve this goal. PHS is a place that wants staff to grow and will help you in your journey.

Emily Doyle – Second-In-Charge for Art, Design & Technology + STEAM Coordinator



1. I am second in charge of Art and Design technology. I also lead on the STEAM curriculum and run the Arkwright scholarship program.
2. I have been working at PHS now for 5 years. Although I also came to PHS as a student.
3. The best part of the job is the students. The students are always keen to get involved in all aspects of school life and love being in the workshop creating exciting and innovative designs. Every day is a different day and the students make you smile every day. I also love having the freedom to try new teaching techniques and be able to adapt my SOL each year to introduce new and exciting opportunities for all the students.
4. I have worked in mixed schools in the past and was a bit worried about only teaching girls. Although this has been an easy transition. It creates a safe environment and allows the girls to thrive not only academically but socially.
5. The students are very confident and are happy to give their opinions. The way Parli is allows the students to have their own voices and feel comfortable in the safe environment to share their views.
6. I enjoy the relaxed feeling, the freedom as a teacher to try new things and the lovely staff in all areas of the school. There is a friendly atmosphere amongst colleagues and students and everyone is approachable.
7. I feel supported working at PHS.
8. You are always being offered opportunities to develop in your own career and supported in CPD.