



# High School Newsletter

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Parents, Families and Friends

A warm welcome as we begin the 2018/2019 academic year. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer with quality time with family and friends and that you are excited about the new academic year. I am looking forward to meeting new faces, revisiting with familiar ones, as well as hearing all about your summer adventures! Over the past few days as staff have returned to work it has been wonderful to catch up with staff and to welcome our new staff at both schools. I welcome our new High School Principal, Mr. Karl Murphy and look forward to working with Mr. Murphy as he joins our Senior Leadership Team and leads our High School forward.

I congratulate our students for another year of outstanding examination results and thank their teachers and our parents who worked with these students throughout the years to encourage and ensure their success. The old adage that 'it takes a village to raise a child' is very true and crucial for the success of a child and one of the many wonderful features that I love about our school is the heartfelt commitment and dedication of teachers, students and parents each and every day.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to our Facilities, and Administration teams who worked tirelessly during the summer to ensure that our school is ready to receive students, staff and parents for the 2018/2019 academic year. Many facility updates from structural to technological have taken place and are continuing to happen.

Our staff have spent the past few days preparing classrooms, receiving training on a wide range of areas including our SIMS programme, Child Safeguarding, First Aid reviewing, analysing our examination results, and making plans to ensure that we continue to provide the learning outcomes that are so much a part of our school within a caring and nurturing environment. I am excited to see our students and parents next week and to have the hallways filled with the hustle and bustle that has been absent for the past two months. It will be great for old friendships to be rekindled and new friendships to be made, and for the settling into learning within our school. In addition to the involvement as a parent in the life of your child at school, I would like to encourage parents to attend our PTA Annual General Meeting which will take place on Thursday, September 27th at 6pm at the Primary School Hall. This will provide an opportunity for parents to meet the new members of staff, including our High School Principal, and to become involved in the PTA of our school.

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I look forward for us working in collaboration in 2018/2019 and for another exciting year at CPHS.

Kind regards

Debra McLaughlin

Director

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# MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

**Mr. Karl Murphy, High School Principal,**  
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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Cayman Prep and High School and to an exciting year of learning. I am delighted and honoured to lead this wonderful High School, where learning is exciting, stimulating and rewarding. This is our 70th anniversary, and we are planning a whole host of activities to celebrate this auspicious year in our development.

At CPHS, we promise an exciting advantage in that our unique brand of personalised learning ensures that the entire learning experience is tailored to the strengths and needs of each individual student. Our amazing Support for Learning means that inclusivity is enshrined in all that we do, and we are proud to be able to meet the needs of a wide spectrum of ability, from the very most able Oxbridge or Ivy League aspirant to students with learning difficulties, and everyone in between. Our IGCSE and A level results are outstanding, and I offer heartfelt congratulations to our Yrs. 10, 11, 12 and 13 students who, not only reached, but exceeded predicted expectations in summer examinations. We are so proud of you. In the A2 class 65.4% of grades awarded were A\* to B, 54.2% of grades awarded at AS level were grade A or B, both year groups have far out-performed the National averages in the UK and have set the bar for the next year group to surpass.

We hope that you and your families enjoyed the summer break and were able to spend lots of quality time together. A special welcome to all new students and families who will be joining us this term. We have a special welcome orientation for new Year 7 students and families and students and families new to other year groups this morning at 9am.

I look forward to welcoming all students back on Wednesday 29th August and meeting you at Orientation and Coffee Mornings that will occur very quickly in our first term. Our office staff will inform you of these events. Our experienced and dynamic staff have returned and are ready for a new year of learning. We have been busy preparing the school and planning for engaging and outstanding learning opportunities to start off the new year for our students. Have a look at some of the activities that we have been engaged in to ensure that all students receive the best quality British education from their first day back.

We are fortunate to have a team of four senior leaders in High School (including myself!) who oversee quality and the delivery of excellence in curriculum, learning and teaching, assessment, inclusion, pastoral care, and staff development. We also have a team of dynamic and experienced heads of faculty who are responsible for providing strong academic leadership, leading, managing and developing their subjects and areas of learning ensuring the highest possible standards of excellence. You will find an introductions to them in the following pages.

Kind regards, Mr Murphy ([hsprincipal@cayprep.edu.ky](mailto:hsprincipal@cayprep.edu.ky))



Which House will the new staff be allocated to Young, Redpath or Elmslie?

Our new staff finding out their House!!

# STAFF GETTING READY FOR OUR STUDENTS RETURN



All Staff Planning Session



Revisiting our School Improvement Plan



All Staff Planning Session



Mr Murphy is floored by Nurse Emily

Pictures of the Staff Induction Week Events.



Our Head Boy & Girl welcomes our new Principal

# Welcome Back Messages from Academic SLT



**Laura Knox**  
**Head of Middle School**  
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I hope you have all had a happy, healthy and restful summer. Another new school year, another new beginning full of new opportunities to reflect, build and improve lies ahead. As Head of Middle School, I'm so excited to welcome all of our new and returning students. Our staff have been working hard to ensure that we are ready to greet and support our students who I know will be eager to do their best. As well as ensuring a fresh focus on academic success, I encourage all of our students to seize any opportunity to get involved in the many rewarding and valuable extracurricular and volunteer activities that will be available this year. I am confident that parents, students and teachers at Cayman Prep and High School will make this our best year yet! I can't wait to see what we will all achieve.



**Mel Wright**  
**Head of Upper School**  
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Welcome back, I would first like to say huge congratulations to all students in KS4/5 for their examination results. Your results are a testament to your hard work. This year promises to be an exciting year full of challenges, but big challenges lead to big rewards. There are many new experiences to face but I have no doubt that you are going to work with diligence and show the resilience and determination that I have come to expect from CPHS students. I am really looking forward to working with all of you this year, it is going to be fun!



**Brendan Touhey**  
**Head of Sixth Form**  
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Exam results in August are an exciting, yet slightly terrifying, time. As with previous years, the results of our Year 12 and Year 13 students have been wonderful, out-performing the National averages in the UK, raising the bar for the next year group to surpass. But, it is not only about the grades! This summer will have been full of experiences, adventures and amazing travels around the world - all vital in the growth and development of our students. I look forward to hearing from all of the students about their summer, and working with them as they begin their AS programme, or in the case of Year 13- applying to their choice universities.



# High School Upgrades & Dates for your diary

Over the summer holiday the following projects have been undertaken by the IT Team:

In the High School we replaced all the PC's in rooms 44 and 45. Additionally Room 16 was completely refurbished with not only new equipment but new floors, new ceilings and new blinds to make it a bright, airy place for learning.

We replaced all staff laptops that were over 4 years old and replaced 11 interactive panels across HS and PS.

New phones were also installed for the new PE Office and the main hall.

System wide we installed new Anti-Virus Software.



**Martin Graver, IT Systems Administrator**  
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We also carried out a full rip and replace of the Air-Conditioning system in the new 3 storey Library Building at the High School.

This will significantly reduce down time in this building and make the learning environment more fresh and pleasant for staff and students.

All buildings have been painted and refreshed in anticipation for our students return to school.

A massive thank you goes to Mr Edison and all the Maintenance Team who worked tirelessly over the break to make the school ready for the first day back.



**Jayne Brett, Business Manager**  
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## Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 28th August - 9am  
New student Orientation
- Wednesday 29th August - 7.45am  
Term 1 begins (except Year 12)
- Monday 3rd September - 7.45am  
Term 1 begins for Year 12
- Thursday 6th September  
Stand Up to Bullying Assembly
- 10th-14th September 2018  
High School Photos
- Tuesday 25th September  
KS3-5 Drama Trip, Prospect
- Wednesday 26th September  
European Day of Languages
- Thursday 27th September  
'Shave for the Brave'
- Thursday 27th September - 6pm  
PTA AGM, Primary School Hall
- Friday 28th September 8-9am  
Parent Coffee Morning
- Wednesday 3rd October  
Welcome Back School Concert
- Friday 5th October  
Stood up Day! Civvy Day

# Continuing our Journey of Excellence..

As well as investing heavily in upgrading facilities and resources, we are also very excited to have some new and outstanding staff members join us this year. As outlined above, our leadership team, faculty heads and support staff are delighted and prepared to welcome our children.

If you wish to contact a member of staff all emails are [firstname.lastname@cayprep.edu.ky](mailto:firstname.lastname@cayprep.edu.ky)

## High School Staff Allocation 2018 – 2019

### Senior Leadership Team

<b>School Director</b>		Debbie McLaughlin		<b>High School Principal</b>		Karl Murphy	
<b>Head of Middle School</b>	Laura Knox		<b>Head of Upper School</b>	Mel Wright		<b>Head of Sixth Form</b>	Brendan Touhey

### Form Teachers (subject they teach in brackets)

	<b>C</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>Y7</b>	Stephanie Breedon (Science)	Tony Allen (Physics)	Matthew Morrison (Drama)
<b>Y8</b>	Dianne Chambers (English)	Kerrie-Ann Beattie (MFL)	William McMurtry (MFL)
<b>Y9</b>	Emily Roberts (RE/History)	Anna Boughey (PE)	Simon Bee (English)
<b>Y10</b>	Lina Gibson (Geog/T&T)	Rebecca Wall	Jena Van den Bergh (Math)
<b>Y11</b>	Ema Taylor (MFL)	Jessica Hughes (English)	Pamela Milton (Science/Bio)
<b>Y12</b>	Allain Baigent-Brown (Hist/RE)	Elizabeth Andrews (Science)	Laura Willighan (History)
<b>Y13</b>	Abigail Chatwin (English)	Kathleen Corkey (Bio/Chem)	Dan Baker (Business/T&T)

### Heads of Faculty

<b>Math</b>	Jillian Caines	<b>Science</b>	Katie Devlin (Chemistry)
<b>Drama</b>	Katie Cummins	<b>English</b>	Amber Bothwell
<b>Humanities</b>	Lucy Baker	<b>MFL</b>	Jake Taylor
<b>Business</b>	Nick Yale (Business/Economics)	<b>PE</b>	Phill Thompson
<b>SfL</b>	Carole Baker	<b>Art</b>	Chris Mann
<b>Music</b>	Mike Galvin	<b>ICT</b>	Allison Smith

### Other Teaching staff

<b>MFL</b>	Stuart Howard	<b>SfL Math</b>	Jessica Follett
<b>Geography &amp; LS</b>	Galen Brown	<b>Geography</b>	Niamh McKinstry
<b>Math</b>	Michael Pattison	<b>Psychology/LS Math</b>	John Clark
<b>Math</b>	Aine Carroll	<b>ICT/SfL Math</b>	Mark Leary
<b>ICT</b>	Michael Harrington	<b>SfL/Data Analysis</b>	Kate Grieff
<b>Art</b>	Brogan King	<b>SfL Assistant</b>	Jasmine Shurgold
<b>Music</b>	Sarah Newman	<b>SfL Assistant</b>	Zanie Groenwald
<b>PE/House Co-ord</b>	Lisa Kemp		

### Office / Support / Maintenance Staff

<b>Business Manager</b>	Jayne Brett	<b>School Counsellor</b>	Denise Myers
<b>Bursar</b>	Sandy Hew	<b>School Librarian</b>	Charity Epp
<b>Office Administrator</b>	Lana Jarvis	<b>Science Lab Technician</b>	Tracey Padgham
<b>School Nurse</b>	Emily Harrison	<b>Careers/Comm Service</b>	Arthurlynn Pedley
<b>Maintenance Manager</b>	Edison Manderson	<b>Admissions</b>	Caoire Kennedy
<b>IT Systems Administrator</b>	Martin Graver	<b>Data &amp; SIMS Manager</b>	Marc Kitto
<b>HR</b>	Anna Johnson	<b>IT Assistant</b>	Corey Grunenfelder



# Meet the High School new staff



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## **Lucy Baker, Head of Humanities (promotion)**

I am thrilled to be taking on the role of Head of Humanities this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed the last two years as Teacher of RE and History here at CPHS, as well as being form tutor to 9H. Previously I have held the role of Head of RE, PSHE and Citizenship in the UK, where I was also Associate to the Senior Leadership Team with responsibility for whole school Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural Education. I am passionate about teaching and learning in Humanities and believe that every child should be given the opportunity to reach their potential through engaging and thought provoking lessons. I intend to use my experience and passion to lead the Humanities team to even greater success.



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## **Zanie Groenewald, High School Teaching Assistant (new position, started in term 3 2017-18)**

My name is Zanie Groenewald, and I will be a teaching assistant in the Support for Learning Department in this upcoming school year. I am extremely excited to continue my role in the classroom to support, observe and assist learners. I studied at Stellenbosch University in South Africa and I received a Bachelor degree with majors in Drama, English and Psychology. After traveling for a year, I returned to Stellenbosch University to do my Post Grad Certificate in High School Education. Since then I've continued my studies and received certificates in TEFL and TESOL teaching and Creative Writing. I love working at Cayman Prep and High School and I'm looking forward to the new academic year!



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## **Jasmin Shurgold, High School Teaching Assistant (new position, started in term 3 2017-18)**

My name is Jasmin Shurgold and I am excited to continue my role as a Learning Assistant in the Support for Learning department this academic year. I thoroughly enjoy supporting students in the classroom by helping them create deeper knowledge of the subject matter as well as building confidence in their learning in order to create strong independent learners. I'm a certified teacher in British Columbia, Canada and have previously taught abroad in South Korea. I am very much looking forward to working with the phenomenally talented students and staff of Cayman Prep and High School this upcoming academic year!



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## **Marc Kitto, Data Manager (started Nov 2017)**

Hi. My name is Marc Kitto and I'm the Data and SIMS Manager for both Cayman Prep and High School. Originally from Cornwall in the UK, I started in November 2017 and have thoroughly enjoyed my time here ever since. Outside of school I can be found either surfing, swimming or getting injured playing football.



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## **Corey Grunenfelder, IT Technician (started term 2 2017-18)**

My name is Corey and I am the IT Technician working alongside Martin across Primary & High School. I am excited to continue to work in the school to improve IT for students, parents and staff.



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## **Martin Graver, IT Systems Administrator (started in term 3 2017-18)**

My name is Martin Graver and I am the IT Systems Administrator for the school. I have been running IT in schools for nearly 20 years and my last school was an independent school in Hertfordshire. Before working in schools I worked for Customs and Excise.

I have 3 grown up children and 2 young grandchildren. I am a keen sports fan and I follow Ipswich Town closely.



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## **Matthew Morrison, Drama Teacher (new position)**

I'm Matthew Morrison, I have been teaching Drama for 4 years and I've been performing since I could walk. Both my mum and my dad were Drama teachers so you could say I was born into it. I've spent a lot of time performing onstage and in festivals and I have worked on professional performances in the past in the UK and the US.

In terms of specialisation I have Master's degree in physical actor training and I'm well versed in physical theatre and the work of Frantic Assembly. Very happy to be working here.



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## **Michael Pattison, Math Teacher**

I am very pleased to be joining Cayman Prep and High School this academic year as a mathematics teacher. After graduating I trained as a Chartered Land Surveyor and cartographer and practiced and taught land surveying at tertiary level in Jamaica and Guyana. Returning to the UK I took a Masters in International Relations at Sussex University which led to an appointment with the UK Government in Botswana to manage a project offering land administration training throughout the country. After completing another Masters in International Tourism Policy I set up my own tourism business in the UK and taught travel and tourism both in HE and FE. Ten years ago I completed a PGCE in Mathematics and have been teaching IB and A level mathematics and economics in the UK and Bermuda.

I have lived in Jamaica and have two children and three grandchildren. I look forward to meeting my students and their parents and together creating a climate for each student to reach their full potential.



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## **Stuart Howard, MFL Teacher**

It is a pleasure and a privilege to join Cayman Prep and High School. I can already see why the Cayman Islands is known as one of the friendliest countries in the world. Originally from Oldham, Manchester in the UK, I gained a first-class degree in Interpreting and Translating in French and German (MA Hons) at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh. After graduating I trained as a linguist translating Afghan languages in the civil service, but decided to change to the more rewarding career of teaching and gained my PGCE at the University of Gloucestershire in 2012. After 6 years teaching in Kuwait, I am excited to join the school and always strive to inspire in students the same love of learning languages, respect for and interest in other cultures that my teachers inspired in me.

Outside the classroom I enjoy spending time with my wife and 3-year old daughter (mainly playing hide and seek and making food out of playdoh - apparently it's fun!?), am a huge Simpsons fan and amateur snooker player. I look forward to meeting you and the students over the course of what is sure to be a great academic year!



# Meet the High School new staff



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## **Jessica Follett, SEN Maths Teacher (new position)**

I'm Jessica Follett and I have been working with EBD and SEN learners for 8 years. My family are foster carers and I have more siblings than I can count on two hands. I was fortunate to grow up in a nurturing, forgiving and inclusive household. I started my career as a Teaching Assistant in a pupil referral unit working with disaffected teenagers with EBD issues. I then went on to do my teacher training and I have taught in many outstanding organisations in the UK and abroad that specialise in support for SEN and EBD learners. I take a keen interest in current research related to my practice and have participated in European best practice observations through the All Aboard Project. This resulted in one of my papers titled "Working with NEET Learners and Managing Disruptive Behaviours" being published through this platform.

I am very excited to be a part of such a wonderful and innovative organisation that has the students at the centre of their practice always.



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## **Niamh McKinstry, Geography Teacher**

Hi everyone my name is Ms McKinstry and I am really looking forward to teaching Geography in Cayman High. I have previously been working in a school in London where I taught Geography and Politics to A level. I am originally from Armagh in the gorgeous green Irish Isles where I studied Geography and Politics in the University of Ulster Derry. I then moved to Canterbury to complete my Geography and Citizenship PGCE with 1st class honours.

A few interesting things about me, I have backpacked to over 40 countries and love to travel. I am a keen Arsenal fan and have been to quite a few matches (not that it has brought them much luck recently but fingers crossed for this season). I love keeping fit especially doing yoga and I have a ultimate goal to be able to run in the London marathon one day. Looking forward to meeting you all in person and seeing you throughout the year.



# FAQs before school starts

We are all looking forward to welcoming existing and new students to school on Wednesday and are sure that they will be eager to meet their friends again and enjoy engaging in their learning.

## **Uniform**

All parents please review the updated Uniform Guidelines in the Student Handbook. All student must be in full school uniform on Wednesday 29th August.

## **Timetable**

The new school timetables are now available on the parent portal. If you have any problems with logging onto the portal please email: [simssupport@cayprep.edu.ky](mailto:simssupport@cayprep.edu.ky)

Please note there has been a change to the High School Day. We have reinstated the Afternoon registration with tutors. Lunch will now run from 12.55-1.45pm and Afternoon Registration will take place from 1.45-1.50pm.

Full details of the school day can be found in the Student Handbook.

## **PE Days and Changing Procedures**

Students will attend school in their PE kit if they have PE that day. The schedule for PE days is below:

**Monday: Year 7, Year 8, 10 GCSE**

**Wednesday: Year 9, Year 10**

**Thursday Year 8, Year 9, Year 11 GCSE**

**Friday Year 7, Year 11**

If students have PE Periods: 1-4 students will get changed at break that day, if they have PE Period: 5-8 they will get changed at lunch that day. Please note students will get disciplinary marks if they do not adhere to these rules: first offence per term- warning, second offence- detention.

If students are playing a school fixture after school they will be change into their CPHS kits Period 9 and Period 10. Lunch time clubs: students to go to their tutor first and then change during tutor time. If parents are ever unsure please email a member of PE staff.

## **Hot Lunch Menu**

The menu can be accessed on the Website under 'Useful Information'

# Welcome to the CPHS library!

We are introducing a number of exciting programs and events this year to get our students motivated to read and explore our fantastic library. The library is open every day from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Stop by during break or lunch when you're in need of a quiet place to study, finish your homework, meet for group projects or simply to curl up on a beanbag and enjoy a book. We have a wide selection of fiction and non-fiction resources at a variety of levels for all students to enjoy. Computers are also available for research and assignments during breaks and after school.

We are pleased to offer the Accelerated Reader Program to our Key Stage 3 students. This program not only helps to track the student's growth, but also provides a fun interactive component where the students get to compete to earn certificates and prizes throughout the year. Congratulations to last year's Accelerated Reader Grand Prize winner Jonny Robson who earned an Ipad mini for achieving the highest number of points!

This year we are featuring what students and teachers are reading on the "Book of the Week" board, and introducing some new initiatives to get students and parents making literacy a part of their daily life. Stay tuned for news of our first event of the school year as we celebrate International Literacy Day (Sept. 8, 2018).



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