

# New Staff - September 2025



## **Matthew Glendon-Doyle, Deputy Head Pastoral & Safeguarding**

Matt joins us as Deputy Head Pastoral and Safeguarding following eleven years at Radley College. Educated at Stonhurst College and Corpus Christi College Cambridge, Matt spent seven years as an investment banker before making a vocational move to teaching. After two terms at Wanganui Collegiate School in New Zealand and two years at Canford School in Dorset, Matt moved to Radley in September 2014 as Teacher of Classics and Deputy Housemaster. He became a Housemaster in 2018. He is actively involved in all aspects of school life, particularly enjoying rugby and hockey coaching. Previous roles include Master in Charge of Charities and overseeing Catholic Chaplaincy. Matt is Lead Safeguarding Governor at Our Lady's Abingdon School and has Level 3 safeguarding training. Matt joins Ampleforth with his wife, Rosie, their three children, Hebe, Peggy and Patrick, and their Jack Russell Jasper, with whom he is much looking forward to long walks on the Yorkshire Dales.



## **Anton Viesel, Housemaster St Hugh's**

I am excited to be joining Ampleforth as the new Housemaster for St Hugh's. I have a degree in English Language and Literature from St Hugh's College, Oxford, and a Masters in Comparative Literature from UCL. Visiting the college for Exhibition was an amazing introduction to the school community and it was brilliant to see so many Hugh's boys taking part in the day's events! I have moved into St Hugh's with my wife, Tamarin, and our children Anatole (10) and Otilie (3). I was previously Director of Sixth Form at a girls' day school and am looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that the move to St Hugh's will bring, above all the opportunity to get to know the boys. I am pleased that I will be teaching more English again this year, after some time as a member of my previous school's Senior Leadership Team. I am looking forward to getting involved in many aspects of College life, including music and badminton, as well as finding some time to go cycling across the Howardian Hills.



## **Annette du Randt, Housemistress St Bede's**

I'm thrilled to be joining Ampleforth and I wanted to share a little about myself. I was born in sunny Port Elizabeth, South Africa, and I've been in the wonderful world of boarding schools for most of my life, starting as a student myself. My boarding career began in 1993 at St Alban's College in Pretoria. In 2008, our family moved to the UK and became British citizens. Since then, I've held a variety of roles at Mount St Mary's College and St Bede's Prep, including Assistant Housemistress, Housemistress, Head of Boarding, and Designated Safeguarding Lead. My philosophy is to make boarding feel like a true home from home, built on trust, support, and a good dash of humour. I love getting to know each student individually, celebrating their triumphs, and supporting them through challenges. I'm lucky to have a fantastic assistant in Hayley Edgar, who has been part of the house for three years, and I'm looking forward to working with the whole team for an exciting year ahead.



## **Gaelle McGovern, Head of Christian Theology**

I am delighted to be coming back to Ampleforth as Head of Christian Theology. I have a degree in Theology from the University of Oxford, a Masters in Religious Studies from Lancaster and a PGCE from Kings College London. I have taught CT for over 25 years and absolutely love doing so. I was the Housemistress of St Margaret's House for 10 years. My 4 children were educated at Ampleforth. I have spent a very happy nearly 4 years at Mayfield Girls school in Sussex as Head of RS.



## **Amanda Lee, Head of Biology**

Amanda holds a First Class Honours degree in Physiology from McGill University as well as a Master of Teaching from the University of Toronto. After working in education in Canada and in South Korea, she moved to the UK in 2016 where she settled in Hertfordshire. At Presdales School, Ware, Amanda transformed the KS3 science curriculum before becoming Head of Biology in 2022. Passionate about STEM education, Amanda recently spoke as an education specialist as part of the BioMedEng conference at Queen Mary University, London and has been nominated for the University of Cambridge Inspiring Educator Awards. Outside of the classroom, Amanda enjoys hiking and traveling. She is fluent in English, French, and Cantonese, and is currently learning Japanese.

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### Helen Marshall, Head of Art

My first recollection of being an artist was as a youngster, running into the kitchen and proclaiming, 'Mum! – I need to paint!'. She diligently opened the bottom kitchen drawer, pulled out paper and paints and let me get on with it, whilst she prepared our evening meal...I've been painting and creating ever since. I also love the outdoors, walking, cycling, running and horse riding. The natural and made world is a constant source of inspiration and bringing this into the classroom, or taking the class out into it, is the beginning of a lifetime of visual enquiry. I have been teaching art for 23 years, and occasionally I have been able to bring my aquatic assistant, 'Lou Lou', with me. She is a 43-year-old red-eared slider terrapin who loves watching what we do in the art studios!

### Imogen Lloyd, Head of Mathematics

Imogen read maths at St Hugh's College, Oxford then did her PGCE at King's College London. She spent a year volunteering in Aberystwyth, working with adults with learning disabilities, and has now been teaching in comprehensive schools for 30 years across the full range of ability up to Oxbridge entry. Imogen began her career in London and then gradually moved North taking on a wide variety of responsibilities including Numeracy across the Curriculum, Gifted and Talented, and the Duke of Edinburgh Award as well as roles as Second and Head of Maths Departments. Imogen is passionate about maths education and pedagogy and has experience of a wide range of different teaching methods and techniques and so is delighted to be taking on this role of Head of Maths at Ampleforth. Imogen and her husband live in a clearing in the middle of Cropton Forest where they have a small flock of sheep and enjoy growing fruit and vegetables and making jam. Her enthusiasm for maths has been passed onto their children who have both studied maths at university. Imogen is a keen cellist and plays in several local orchestras and chamber groups.

### Thomas Nicoll, Teacher of Mathematics

I have a First Class Honours degree in Mathematics from University of York, graduating in 2024. Currently, I am completing my PGCE with Pathfinder and University of York. I have always had a passion for mathematics, writing my dissertation on the identification of large prime numbers. Combining my love for the subject with the experience I have gained in the classroom, I am keen to teach using the best, current pedagogical skills. Originating from Essex, I now live in York with my partner and am an avid runner and rock climber, so I'm eager to assist in the running of co-curricular activities like these. I gained a lot from completing my Gold Duke of Edinburgh award so will be doing my utmost to help students get the most out of this. I am excited to begin my teaching career at Ampleforth College and spark mathematical curiosity beyond the classroom!

### Isabelle Mayer, Pastoral Graduate (Chaplaincy)

Isabelle has just finished working in London for a whisky investment company. She loved London life but, as an OA with a strong sense of connection to the school, knew that she wanted to return to the valley. Taking part in the Ampleforth Lourdes pilgrimage annually has been a big part of her life since leaving school and is a key reason for her coming back as a Pastoral Graduate in the Chaplaincy. She has always played a lot of sport, loves music and drama, and greatly appreciates Lectio Divina which has a great foundation in all the houses. Isabelle is excited to get to know students and continue the great work Gabrielle Foster and Fr Ambrose have nurtured in this central faith hub of the school.

### Seth Butterfield, Pastoral Graduate (Music)

Seth joins Ampleforth as the new pastoral Graduate for the music department. He recently finished studying Music and the University of Manchester with an emphasis on piano and organ. He is looking forward to his role accompanying rehearsals and working on new pieces with the students. He is also passionate about brass and choral music, and will be involved in various ensembles in the upcoming term.

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## **Rory Kobrin, Pastoral Graduate (Hockey)**

Rory is joining us from the University of Worcester where he has recently completed his degree in Physical Education and Sport Coaching (BSC Hons). Rory is a keen hockey player as well as a golfer. Rory is looking forward to joining Ampleforth College and sharing his love of hockey with the students.



## **Gabrielle Woods, Pastoral Graduate (Netball)**

Gabrielle has been at Northumbria University studying Physiotherapy for the past 3 years. She has played netball alongside her studies, and has been playing since she was 7 years old. Gabrielle was born in USA so has been fortunate to play and represent USA at senior level.