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TEAM TALK

*MEETING THE PEOPLE
WHO MAKE LIVES BETTER*

Roisin Lafferty

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- Has a very varied role



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What's your perfect weekend?

My perfect weekend is spending time with my family, I have three girls. Most weekends are busy ones, usually involving lots of running around to football and ballet, but I wouldn't have it any other way. If we can squeeze in some fresh air, a family walk, or a bit of downtime together, that's a win for me.

Describe a moment in your current role that made you feel especially proud.

One moment I felt really proud was securing a large funding grant for our wraparound care. This meant we were able to install a new sensory room, which has since become a vital space for our SEN children. Seeing how much it's used and the positive impact it has every day makes all the hard work worthwhile.

What's something surprising about your job that most people wouldn't know?

People are often surprised by just how varied my role is. One minute I might be processing invoices, the next I could be covering a lunch duty on the playground, carrying out a health and safety walk, or dealing with a HR issue. No two days are ever the same, so you have to be adaptable and ready for whatever comes your way.

Do you have a favourite place you love to visit again and again?

Heaton Park is my go-to place. Getting outdoors with our cocker spaniel, Dougie, always lifts my mood, and there's always something going on. It's one of those places where there really is something for everyone.

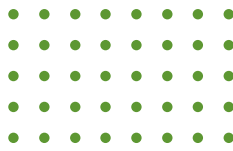
If you could swap roles with anyone in the Trust for a day, who would it be and what would you hope to learn?

I'd love to swap roles with someone working in innovation. I really enjoy thinking about new and better ways of doing things, whether that's improving processes or procedures. I'd love the opportunity to visit different schools to see what works well for them, so ideas and best practice could be shared more widely. I also enjoy the creative side of social media and finding ways to showcase and promote schools.





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Which book, TV show or film do you recommend to everyone?

I'd definitely recommend The Traitors. I recently hosted a staff Traitors game in the run-up to Christmas as part of staff wellbeing, and it created such a buzz and sense of excitement amongst staff. It quickly became the main topic of conversation and I absolutely loved playing the all-knowing Claudia Winkleman role!

In one sentence, how would you sum up what "Making Lives Better" means to you?

For me, making lives better is about keeping the school running like a well-oiled ship behind the scenes, so teaching and learning can happen to the highest possible standard.

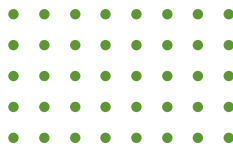
What's one thing on your bucket list you still hope to tick off?

Taking the family to Disney World is definitely on my bucket list. It's something we'd all love and would be such a special experience to share together.

If you could instantly learn a new skill to use in your role, what would it be?

That's a tricky one because my role covers so many different areas, including health and safety, HR, buildings and grounds, finance and GDPR. I'm constantly learning across all of them, so having deeper knowledge and confidence in each area would be incredibly valuable.





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