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LIVES  
BETTER**

# TEAM TALK

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*Holding God's Hand, we nurture hearts,  
minds and spirits.*

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## What's your perfect weekend?

I volunteer for a number of groups and I love it when I'm busy. It starts Friday night with Brownies, Saturday morning I marshal for Clarence Parkrun, Sunday afternoons I can be found in Chesham Woods doing some woodland management. In-between times I love a good litterpick and reading recommendations from our school Book Club.

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

When I joined the school there had been issues around the water bills. It took weeks of investigation which included myself and Phill, our caretaker, on our stomachs emptying a cavity on the pavement of 4' of water! The outcome? We got £17k back from overpaid water bills and have reduced the monthly bills going forward, result!

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

The remit of an Office Manager is about as broad as anything can be! I might be chasing arrears one minute then doing a Return to Work interview the next. As a member of a small school there's also those tasks that help the team out – wiping tables, cleaning up playground mess, even accompanying Y6 up Holcombe Hill!

## 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 know a little bit about lots of things but my area of weakness is probably IT.

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

I am a trustee and treasurer of Waddow Hall Trust and love to visit Waddow as much as I can. It's an outdoor activity centre in Clitheroe with 180 acres of land in a beautiful setting and, as well as the on-site activities, is the perfect base for walking and cycling.

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

I've been trying for years to complete the Couch to 5K and am determined to do it one day! I'd also like to visit South Africa, listen to the music that inspired Paul Simon's "Graceland" album and take a helicopter ride round the Cape of Good Hope.

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

We never know what other people are going through and often the simplest of smiles can make a difference. I can be quite grumpy but I try to smile as much as I can!

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

I also love "The Puzzle Women" by Anna Ellory – a tale set in 1990's Berlin of a young girls search for answers surrounding the disappearance of her mother. Read it – it's better than I make it sound.

## What do you think makes your school a unique place to work or learn?

I've never worked anywhere so friendly and caring. St Michael's really has the most fabulous staff and children and everyone who comes through the doors has a great experience.

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

Seeing into the future so I can plan a bit easier! The nature of a school means plans change constantly and it would be great to know just what is round the corner.



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