

Mearns Academy Expressive Arts



Mrs. Birse

Music



Favourite Type of Music

This is so hard to choose - I don't think I have a favourite musician and I like so many songs! I give up...I can't choose!

Favourite thing to teach

Although this subject can stress me out at times, I have enjoyed introducing Music Technology to the school and seeing the pupils get so much enjoyment from the subject. I have even seen several pupils go on to study this area of the Arts which is really rewarding.

Experience

Hello, I'm Mrs Birse and I am the Principal Teacher of Mearns Expressive Arts at Mearns Academy. I also teach Music and Music Technologies.

I studied Music in Aberdeen at Northern College and graduated in 2000 with a Bed (Hons) Music. That's where I met Mr. Campbell our headteacher – he was the year below me also studying to be a music teacher!

I have been teaching at Mearns for 8 years.



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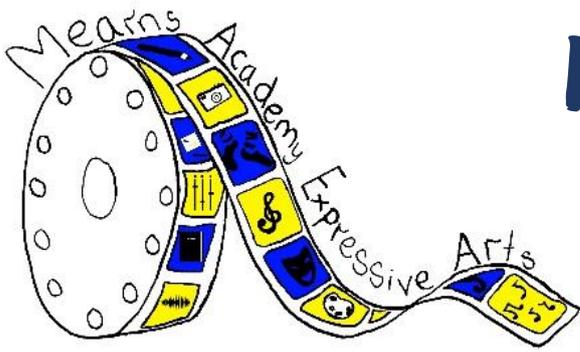
Hobbies

I have no time for hobbies with a full-time job, husband, 8 year old and 3 year old although I did download the 5K runner app the other day and am now on Week Two!

Fun Fact

My hangers in my wardrobe all must face the same direction, or I can't sleep at nights!





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Mrs. Hay

Experience

Hello, I'm Mrs Hay and I teach Music, Dance and S1 Drama.

I studied and graduated from Aberdeen University.

I have been teaching at Mearns for 16 years!



Music

Favourite Type of Music

I love musicals. One of my favourite writers of musicals is Stephen Sondheim and two of my favourite musicals of his that I loved performing in are 'Sweeney Todd' and 'A Little Night Music'.

Favourite thing to teach

I love teaching singing!



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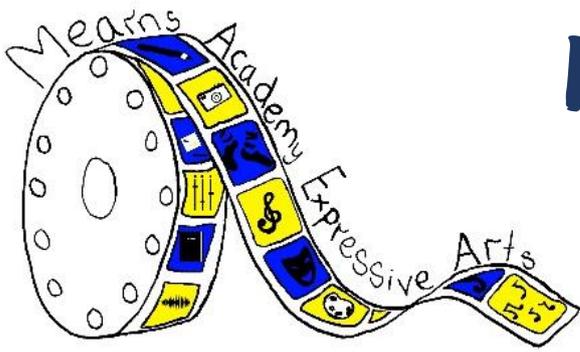
Hobbies

I love singing, dancing and performing on stage!

Fun Fact

I have danced on stage in concert with the Canadian rock singer Bryan Adams! I can also say the alphabet backwards!!





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Miss Docherty

Art and Design



Favourite Artist

My Favourite artist is Pablo Picasso and my favourite designer is Antoni Gaudi. I love visiting Barcelona and seeing both their works!

Favourite thing to teach

Printmaking! I love to print with pupils of all year groups – the messier the better!

Experience

Hello, I'm Miss Docherty and I teach Art and Design and Photography at Mearns.

I studied Fine Art at Duncan of Jordanstone in Dundee.

I love teaching at Mearns, and I have been here for 4 years!



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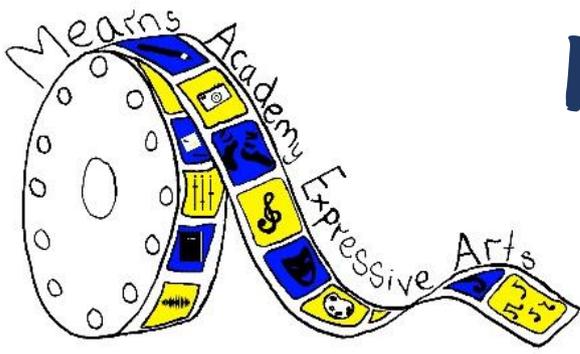
Hobbies

Hillwalking! I volunteer with the Mearns DofE programme and love going walking with my dog! I also love photography, so both go perfectly together.

Fun Fact

In my high school yearbook I was voted most likely to find the Loch Ness Monster – I haven't been successful!





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Miss Geoghan

Art and Design

Favourite artist.

My Favourite artist is Vincent Van Gogh and Neo Rauch! My favourite graphic artist is the wonderful Olly Moss!

Favourite thing to teach

I Love teaching Painting!



Experience

Hello! I'm Miss Geoghan and I teach Art and Design.

I studied Fine Art at Grays School of Art and I am new to Mearns Academy this term!



Personal

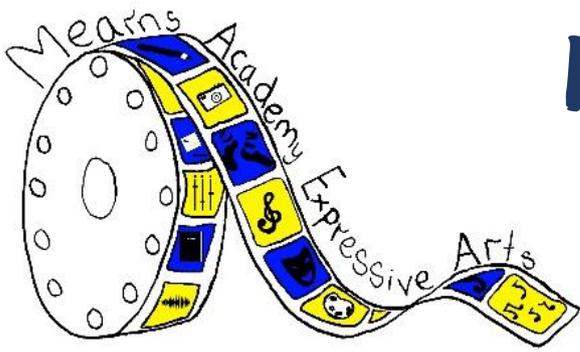
Hobbies

I love painting, going to the beach, baking and travelling! But I especially love Video Games!

Fun Fact

I am certified to drive a Zamboni and have a large Vinyl collection.





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Miss English



Drama

Favourite actor

My favourite actor changes all the time but today it is Helena Bonham Carter because she's mad as a box of frogs which I can relate to. My favourite musical is West Side Story.

What is your favourite thing to teach?

I love teaching all elements of drama but the thing I have the most fun with is the spooky stuff.

Experience

Hello, I'm Miss English and I teach Drama.

I graduated in dramatic studies from The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

I love teaching at Mearns Academy and have been here for 2 years.



Personal

Hobbies

I paint, take photographs, paddleboard, cycle and play a lot of video games.

Fun fact

I have a 20 year old goldfish called Mr Kinish.

