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# SEND AT OLA

We're excited to announce that the SEND department at OLA has grown and we would like to introduce three new members of staff who will join Clare Roberts (SENDCo) in the SEND team.

**Lornie Wright** has joined OLA as Assistant SENDCo. She previously worked at the Oxfordshire Hospital School leading teaching on a Chronic Pain rehab programme, and working with pupils medically unable to attend school. Lornie is delighted to be channelling her expertise into our SEND department. Outside of work Lornie likes to spend time outside on dog walks, freshwater swimming and tending to her many houseplants.

**Polly Koeman** has joined OLA as Learning Support Assistant. She has worked at Caldecott Primary School for the past 9 years working to support children with their reading, literacy and maths skills. She is looking forward to using her experience to support those with identified need within the school. She is also working as a swimming teacher alongside the PE department to provide the swimming aspect of Sports Studies GCSE.

**Vanessa Clark** has joined us as an EAL teacher, one morning a week. Vanessa also teaches EAL at Abingdon School, where she's been since 2006. She is very experienced with GCSE and IGCSE English Language and Literature. She is looking forward to sharing that knowledge and experience with the SEND team at OLA and supporting pupils on their English-learning journey through the school.

The SEND team aims to ensure that all pupils at OLA are confident as they access the curriculum and wider offer, this is achieved by our newly developed *wave of intervention* system where pupils are supported according to their need. Pupils that are identified as having a learning need may receive 1:1 sessions or small group work and a pupil passport can be created. This is shared with all teachers to meet pupils needs in the classroom.

Our ELSA is **Mel John**, who previously worked at The Unicorn school as a Teaching Assistant and ELSA for 5 years. Prior to The Unicorn School, Mel worked at Mabel Prichard school with PMLD students and has gained a lot of experience working with those with ASD. In her spare time, Mel enjoys going to the gym.