



## **Kaeli Wishart**

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I've been in my current role at St Peter's for 6 years and cliché as it sounds, I love every part of my job. As a pastoral tutor, teacher of PSHE and Careers Adviser, I enjoy huge variety and the privilege of working with inspiring young people from the ages of 13-18. Remembering how hard it was for me to decide what the heck I wanted to do with my life when I was their age motivates me all the more to help them explore their skills and passions to help them find fulfilment in the world of work. These days careers are seldom linear, the journeys we take are often a bit squiggly and that's okay. It took me a very long time, hopping from archaeology to an 18 year career in theatre management (which I adored/hated simultaneously) to figure out what my real skills are.

Thinking creatively is probably the skill I most value and thankfully my current role allows me the freedom and autonomy to utilise it. Working with the alumni team is a good example of this. Though the Old Peterite Mentoring scheme was not my brainchild, I have had great fun working with Philippa so that alumni, the careers department and the pupils benefit in perfect symbiosis!

Away from work, you'll find me in the woods with my sketchpad, in my garden or at my allotment, foraging, or in my kitchen. There's always a craft 'on the go', a plant at the garden centre that begs to come home with me or an unusual gin that must be tasted!

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