

Name: Andres Bradshaw (married to Deborah)
**Experience: Teaching for seven years in schools;
15 years teaching in the RAF**
Subject(s): Secondary Science
**Qualifications: BSc (Hons) Natural Sciences
with Biology; Post Graduate in Advanced
Avionics; PGCE in Secondary Education.**



The most interesting thing I have done...

When I joined the Royal Air Force I really enjoyed flying every day. I flew an aeroplane called the Nimrod and we searched for submarines and worked with the coast guard to rescue lost people and boats. Then I moved into flight testing, which was great fun, flying around the UK testing old and new helicopters.

What will you bring to ABIS?

A real-world perspective to Science using my experiences from my previous careers to demonstrate that: Science is Fun! An affable open-minded approach to all my interactions and experience as a Diploma Programme Coordinator.

What makes you passionate about your subject?

I am passionate about making science fun, practical and connected to the real world. I enjoy integrating science into other subjects and looking for ways to use our skills to focus on improving things for the future.

The best teacher I ever had...

Mr Hesketh my Grade 6 -10 maths teacher. He allowed me the freedom to investigate the things I was interested in. I vividly remember spending two hours programming my calculator to solve quadratic equations, his comment at the end of the lesson was - "If you can write a program, you have the necessary skills". Mrs Carter, my art teacher, I cannot draw but I loved creating 3D objects, she approached the examining board to determine whether I could take art without drawing or painting - I passed!

My hobbies...

Playing computer games, listening to music, reading fiction, photography, yoga, land and underwater safari and getting dirty on a motorbike.

My dream dinner guests...

My wife, Andrew St Pierre White (a 4WD expert) and Neil deGrasse Tyson under the milky way barbecuing on an open fire.

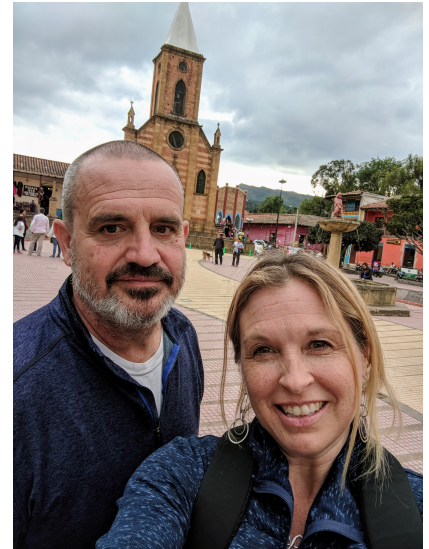
ABIS NEW TEACHER PROFILE

Name: Margot Simonds (married to Robert Munn)

Experience: 23 years of teaching

Subject(s): Middle School Generalist

Qualifications: B.S. in Biochemistry; Maine State teacher certification



The most interesting thing I have done...

Gosh, this is a hard question. I instantly start thinking of all my travels. I have had so many interesting adventures! I guess if I were to pick just one, spending a few days with Jane Goodall in Switzerland was one of the most interesting things I have done! One of the mornings we were together I brought her a cup of coffee and we sat outside looking at the mountains and talking, just the two of us, for quite awhile. She was a role model for me since I was a little girl. To have the chance to speak with her in the mountains of Switzerland was inspiring and amazing.

What will you bring to ABIS?

I hope to bring my love of learning and adventure, as well as my experience teaching a variety of grade levels, in a variety of settings. I believe in creating strong relationships with students, colleagues and families built on respect, open communication and empathy.

What makes you passionate about your subject?

I love to constantly learn about, and explore the world around me and spark this same interest in my students. I love getting to know my students, finding out about what their passions and interests are, and creating an environment where they can learn while feeling safe and respected.

The best teacher I ever had...

I do not have one particular academic teacher that comes to mind, but I know that the teachers that were passionate about their subjects had the greatest impact on me. I would have to say my paternal grandmother and my maternal grandfather had great impact on me growing up. They fostered my love of animals and nature, reading, food and travel. They both had a great passion for life and learning.

My hobbies...

I love anything having to do with nature and the world-animals, travel, hiking. I love to read, fiction-mysteries, fantasy, historical fiction and science! I especially love to read cookbooks and am always cooking! Food is a big passion of mine. I love to garden. Having had an organic farm for years, I raised sheep, goats, rabbits, chickens, turkeys, pigs, bees and had extensive gardens. Yoga is another of my passions, as well as creating things with fiber-knitting, spinning etc.

My dream dinner guests...

I think I would choose:

- Jane Goodall
- Michelle Obama
- Julia Childs

ABIS NEW TEACHER PROFILE

Name: Maureen Baier

Experience: 7 years of teaching

Subject(s): Secondary Mathematics

Qualifications: Mathematics Education grades 6-12, ELL certification grades k-12, masters in Curriculum and Instruction.



The most interesting thing I have done...

My daughter and I visited Zimbabwe and went on 4 different safaris for Winter break one year. We saw elephants and rhino, zebra and many impala and ate lunch and watched the rhino graze. We saw a very large parade of elephant, over 100, migrating from one spot to another. We saw a lioness teaching her cub how to eat elephant (different from the earlier parade). On the way back to Zimbabwe, I spotted elephants and giraffe in the wild - all other seen animals we on reservations to help keep them protected - it was definitely a wondrous sight!

What will you bring to ABIS?

I would like to show young girls that being strong in the sciences is great and nothing to be afraid of. I would also like to bring in my technical understanding of the subject.

What makes you passionate about your subject?

I love helping students move past their insecurities and realize that they can use math to problem solve and understand complex situations.

The best teacher I ever had...

The best teacher I ever had was in grade 9. He was my chemistry teacher and he guided his students through lessons with humor and student actions. He never gave us anything, we worked for everything, and I left that class very confident and capable.

My hobbies...

I love to bake, eat home cooked meals, and be with family and friends to make memories. I also love to travel to new places.

My dream dinner guests ...

- Pythagoras
- Dolly Parton
- Karl Marx

Name: Ty Lougher (pronounced "Tie Locker")
Experience: Teaching for 21 years
Subject(s): French
Qualifications: BA in French, University of Rochester (NY), MS in Education, University of Rochester (NY) Professional Teaching Certificate (State of Georgia, USA): French, ESL, Gifted and Talented



The most interesting thing I have done...

Sold just about everything I owned, packed up, and moved to Kuwait to teach. I know it may not sound all that interesting, but it gave me a chance to travel the world where I was introduced to SO many new adventures.

What will you bring to ABIS?

My positive energy, innovative teaching style, and love of collaboration. I enjoy working with and learning from my colleagues and students.

What makes you passionate about your subject?

The French language is absolutely beautiful and I love francophone culture. I truly get excited at the beginning of each school year because I know I will get to share this with my students and they will undoubtedly have something to share with me.

The best teacher I ever had...

The best teacher I ever had was one of my college French professors. We're still in touch to this day! He was so passionate about teaching French and his students appreciated his enthusiasm, humour, and teaching style. He gave us the opportunity to really take ownership of our learning and never talked down to us. He encouraged us to travel, to meet people from different backgrounds, and to be open to new ideas.

My hobbies...

I make it a point to read every day. I'm also very into style/fashion/interior design. Traveling is my favorite activity, so not being able to do so at the moment is really difficult for me.

My dream dinner guests ...

- My father (He was one of the most interesting people I've ever known. He seemed to know something about EVERYTHING, and if he didn't he would find out.)
- Michelle Obama (I've read her book, watched her Netflix special, and listen to her podcast. She is wicked smart, graceful, and so poised.)
- My grandmother (She raised 10 children practically on her own, during some pretty hard times. I always wondered how she did it, where she found the strength to keep moving forward. Unfortunately, I never asked her before she passed away.)

ABIS NEW TEACHER PROFILE

Name: Oscar Dass

Experience: Teaching for 9 years

Subject(s): Secondary Maths and Science

Qualifications: MBA, Bachelor Science (Math, Chemistry); PGCE (Math)



The most interesting thing I have done...

Become an international teacher! I have had a varied career in science, IT and corporate management prior to teaching.

What will you bring to ABIS?

An open minded approach to learning math for real life. A fun way to look at math and to appreciate its deeper significance in life

What makes you passionate about your subject?

Exploring the why of things!

The best teacher I ever had...

Mrs Janneke. History (grade 7) She had a passion for Developing talent and genuinely encouraged one to be the best they could be. She wasn't afraid to give off her time to encourage learners!

My hobbies...

I love to play golf when I can. Regular swimming, walking/ hiking and being outdoors. As I get older, I am becoming more curious about little things... like how did they measure the circumference of the earth 🌍

My dream dinner guests...

My parents and father-in-law

ABIS NEW TEACHER PROFILE

Name: Robert Munn (married to Margot)
Experience: 26 years of teaching
Subject(s): PE
Qualifications: BS-Exercise Science; Med-Physical Education



The most interesting thing I have done...

Being one of the first American college study groups to visit Moscow and Leningrad under the former Soviet Union, and getting invited to an underground speakeasy.

What will you bring to ABIS?

The importance of being empathic and understanding of all. That education is not just about subjects that are taught in class, but being honest, hard-working, having respectfulness, cooperation, and forgiveness are as important.

What makes you passionate about your subject?

The Students. Getting to know and work with students and connecting with them no matter who they are, what they believe or where they come from. In my subject, I get to see the students in a "non-academic" way. I think at times I learn more from them.

The best teacher I ever had...

My grandmother. She always looked at the positive in people and situations. She always said it is easy to see the negatives but by looking through the eyes of others you may be able to understand.

My hobbies...

Hike, surf,
workout, hang
with friends and
family

My dream dinner guests...

- John Lennon
- Michelle Obama
- Amparo Sanchez Merino (my grandmother)