Newhaven Outreach Provision

- Staff Profile



My name is: Colette Whent

My pronouns are: She/her

My job title is: Outreach Pastoral Manager

The best part of my job is: Working closely with students, building positive relationships and helping them to overcome a variety of challenges.
I bring lots of real-life experience to my role because I know first-hand just how difficult school can be. As a late-diagnosed neurodiverse woman, I really struggled to engage with my education and these days, I would have been labelled as an emotionally based school avoider. But when I was a teenager, having adults with an empathetic approach, who took the time to understand me, and advocated for me, really made all the difference.
That's what I aim to do every day at Outreach and it's why my job is so special.

Things I enjoy doing in my free time:

- **Spending time with my family -** being AuDHD can be exhausting so my favourite thing to do is unmask and spend time with my husband, 2 children, 2 dogs and cat at home.
- **Activity days out -** Recently we've been go-karting, to do treetop high ropes, and to theme parks. I am a thrill seeker and love fast rides; the scarier the better!
- **Musicals -** I really love going to the theatre to see musicals, and I listen to musical soundtracks non-stop. It's a great way to regulate!
- **Food -** I love finding new food obsessions and most recently, I am obsessed with Pho!

I'm passionate about:

Ensuring that young people have their needs met. Young people's feeling matter, and it's really important to me that we ensure all students feel truly heard and that they are supported in the way that they need. No two student journeys are the same, but their goals – no matter how big or small – are all equally important.

I love getting to make a positive difference to our students at Outreach, and it is a privilege to watch them grow throughout their time with us.