

A Community Seeking Excellence for All

Excellence: every person, every day



Robert
May's
School

13th September 2021

Dear Year 7 Parents/Carers,

As your child begins their second week as part of the Robert May's family, I wanted to take an opportunity to introduce myself directly to you as Headteacher of Robert May's School.

It has been wonderful to watch the Year 7s come in every day over the past week. Already, I can see them growing in confidence a little each day. I am also fortunate to be one of the Year 7 English teachers and, in-line with the English transition scheme of work, have been learning all about their hopes and dreams, which has been lovely - I even have one student who wants to be an expert in Greek mythology when they grow up!



Before moving to Robert May's School, I was acting Head of a school in Surrey and my move here marks my first substantive headship. Robert May's School has an excellent reputation both locally and nationally and I feel privileged to take the helm for this next chapter. This academic year marks my 17th year in teaching and, whilst much has changed in my life during these years, my belief in the power of education has remained steadfast. Very simply, I have always wanted to make a difference: for every child, every day.

Academic success is fundamental and it is our job as a school to ensure that students gain the knowledge and skills they need to achieve the very best outcomes they can. But an excellent grade card will only take you so far if you don't have the strength of character to overcome life's difficulties, learn from your mistakes and pick yourself up and try again when it is easier to give up. Diligence, integrity, enthusiasm, courage, perseverance, resilience and courtesy are the skills that really make a difference to how successful you go on to be. These are the things that make a difference in the classroom, on the sports pitch, in the family home.

As well as being a teacher I am a mother to a primary school-aged child - a cheeky chappy who definitely tests my resilience on a daily basis! I am also a keen horse rider and, in my spare time, enjoy long gallops through the countryside and perfecting my 'skills' in dressage. I am very passionate about learning beyond the classroom and am keen for every child to engage with the extra-curricular programme, whether that's because they want to develop into elite athletes or performers or just to enjoy the physical, emotional and social benefits of our after school activities.

I am very excited to now lead Robert May's School and capitalise on the strengths of this high-performing school. A successful school is one that works in partnership with Parents/Carers and I am looking forward to working with you and your children over the next five years.

Yours faithfully,

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