



Downe House

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### Ex-Davis Cup and Wimbledon Star Appointed Head of Tennis at Downe House

Downe House School in Cold Ash has appointed former British Wimbledon and Davis Cup player Josh Goodall as Head of Tennis.

As a professional tennis player, Josh was ranked England no 2 after Andy Murray at the high point of his career and played on the international tennis circuit, travelling to compete in tournaments around the world.

The appointment brings this outstanding player and coach to a permanent base, encouraging girls to take up the sport, training pupils to the highest level and giving insights into what it takes to make it to the top of the game.

Josh says, "I am extremely excited to be appointed as Head of Tennis at Downe House after two years here on the coaching team. It is a great opportunity to pass on my philosophies and experience of the sport to the girls and to move tennis forward at the School. I am supported by an amazing team of coaches. More and more girls are taking up the sport and dedicating themselves to developing their game. We have seen huge developments here in the last few years. My predecessor Tim Allen gave tennis a real focus by recruiting the first team of ex-professional players as coaches at a UK school.

It is my ambition for Downe House to become one of the top schools in the country for tennis and we are well on the way. I am delighted to relinquish the travel of the international circuit for the School courts and to have this first class coaching opportunity to develop future players."

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**Note to editors:** Downe House is an independent boarding school for girls aged 11-18 located in Cold Ash, Thatcham.

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