



Downe House

*Introducing*  
**Mrs Agnese  
Lyne**  
*Head of Science Faculty*

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*I am looking forward to sharing my love of Science at Downe House. There is nothing better than seeing a shy Year 7 pupil, not even confident enough to light up a Bunsen burner, turning into an avid scientist and choosing to study science at A Level and beyond.*

Leading the Science Faculty from September 2022, Agnese Lyne brings with her a vast amount of experience both as a scientist and teacher of science who is passionate about sharing her love of the subject with young people.

After graduating with a BSc in Chemistry from the University of Milan and an MSc in Pharmaceutical and Analytical Science from Loughborough University, Agnese started her career as a scientist working in large pharmaceutical companies such as 3M and GlaxoSmithKline. Her desire to share her knowledge with future generations of scientists drove her to return to university and she completed her PGCE in Secondary Science at Oxford University. After only six years teaching at Salesian College, Farnborough, she moved to St Mary's, Ascot, as Head of Chemistry.

As Head of Science Faculty, Agnese is looking forward to working with the Heads of Department

for Chemistry, Biology and Physics to develop ideas that bring all areas of science to life.

She will be teaching Chemistry at all levels and, along with creating interactive and exciting lessons, Agnese is keen to develop opportunities that stimulate and inspire an interest in all areas of Science within the whole School community; she plans to spend time with pupils outside the classroom in clubs and extra-curricular activities.

The School is continuing its commitment to the promotion of and widening participation in STEM subjects. With the recent appointment of a new Head of STEM at Downe, Agnese is excited to be able to collaborate with colleagues from other departments on projects and initiatives that really enable pupils to immerse themselves in the world of STEM, and to understand the university pathways and career opportunities that exist in these fields.

*“The high number of pupils choosing Science at university and the vast range of subjects chosen, from Materials Science and Biochemical Engineering to Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, shows me that Downe House is a school where pupils really enjoy and are inspired by their Science lessons.”*

-Mrs Agnese Lyne, Head of Science Faculty