



CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

I joined Downe House in 2017 as a Graduate Pastoral Tutor in a Lower School boarding house, having graduated from the University of Nottingham in July. I was initially paired with the Marketing department alongside my pastoral role but, being in a Boarding House (Hill) and being surrounded by the buzz of eager students, it did not take long for my desire to get into the classroom to take hold. The School was very supportive, and factored lesson observations into my timetable. I was then offered an Upper Fourth (Year 9) class to teach during my second year as part of my Graduate role and then took on a Lower Fourth (Year 8) class in addition to this upon their return from their term in France. At the end of my time as a Graduate, I was delighted to be offered a full time role as an English teacher and the School funded my PGCE at the University of Southampton. I finished my two-year ECT Programme this year, having taken on the role of KS4 (GCSE) Coordinator at the end of my first year. My Downe House career has been a whirlwind of a journey and I have been supported by the School and fantastic colleagues at every step of the way.

