



CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

I joined Downe House 18 years ago as a fresh faced young teacher never anticipating that I would spend more than two or three years here before I looked for a new challenge. However, what I found and continue to find is an environment that is nurturing and encouraging of potential and really looks to support staff in developing their careers. I have been given many opportunities to learn about roles outside of the classroom having been Head of Overseas Universities, a Housemistress and now Director of Futures. At every stage, I have been able to undertake valuable CPD including travel to the United States and Europe for my overseas role and undertaking the Level 6 in Careers Guidance for my current position.

There is also a super network of support and I benefitted hugely from the coaching and mentoring that was available to me when I became a Housemistress. Whilst Downe prides itself on seeking the best possible route for each student, I would concur that this is true of their approach to their staff as well.

