



Weston Green
School



Introducing David Brown,

joining Weston Green School
as Headteacher in
September 2024

What attracted you to the role at Weston Green?

“ I am drawn to Weston Green School primarily because of its commitment to blending academic excellence with a warm, caring environment. Being values driven myself, the school's strong desire to be both inspiring and nurturing fits with my vision which is that everything we do in school should have the guiding principles of ambition, courage and kindness. I am also particularly impressed by Weston Green's dedication to inclusivity, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to discover their passions and reach their fullest potential. My values-driven approach is harmonious with Weston Green's ethos, and I am confident I can add to the wonderful educational experience Mrs Evans and her team have worked extremely hard to build. ”

What skills and experience do you bring with you to the role of Head?

“ My career in education started 24 years ago when I was appointed as an ICT Technician at an independent girls' school in London. From there I qualified to be a teacher and continued to teach there for a while before being appointed Deputy Head at Greenfield School in Woking in 2013. I achieved my Masters Degree in Educational Leadership in 2017 and in 2019, Greenfield expanded from a one form entry school on a half-acre site, to a two form entry ten acre site on the outskirts of the town - I was pleased to be an integral part of this ambitious project. Outside of school, I am an experienced ISI Inspector and am also a Governor of another Prep School in a different part of Surrey where I head up the Education Committee and have overall responsibility for safeguarding. I also speak at conferences and have run my own teacher and school leader training programs. ”

What are you most looking forward to about the role?

“ I am most looking forward to building hugely positive and constructive relationships with the children, staff and parents of Weston Green. The very best schools place great value on a collegial approach to giving the children the very best educational experience possible. This can't happen without an ethos and culture where we champion, challenge and support each other and there are very exciting times ahead for us all to share! ”

What has been your proudest moment in teaching?

“ In 2022, Greenfield won the TES Prep School of the Year award. I am proud that the initiatives I led around developing a uniquely relevant and bespoke curriculum, a focus on higher order thinking skills to boost examination performance and daring to be different from our competitors were the main reasons why the judges felt our school deserved to win that night. It would be fun to aim for Weston Green to achieve this one day soon! ”

What are your memories of school as a child?

“ Unfortunately for me, I found school a very unfulfilling experience. I had a passion for politics and economics and human geography and there was no outlet for this. I became very disengaged and underachieved quite significantly. This experience has given me a resolute determination to shape education, both at the schools I have worked in and in the system more widely, so that every child has the opportunity to follow their passions and find something that they can hang their hat on and say 'this is me'. You could say my schooling was the making of me – but not in the traditional sense! ”

What do you enjoy doing outside of school life?

“ I enjoy spending time with my family, walking my dog, reading self-improvement or pop-psychology books, supporting my local non-league football team and cooking up a storm in the kitchen! Not all at once though. ”

One last thing...

“ It will be an absolute privilege to succeed Mrs Evans and lead a school with such strong foundations and much potential. I cannot wait to get started. ”

