



Middle School

As Head of Middle School, it is my responsibility to oversee the happiness, welfare and academic progress of all our boys entering Year 9, until they have completed their IGCSE courses at the end of Year 11.



The Middle School is the largest section of MGS housing around 600 boys, separated into three year groups and taught in class sizes of 20-25. Our pupils join new forms with new form tutors and enjoy getting to know many new teachers.

We view Year 11 as a time of transition between Middle School and the Sixth Form and I work closely with the two Middle School Heads of Year and the rest of the pastoral team, to provide a supportive and caring environment in which we develop the boys' capacity for independent thinking and mental resilience, while preparing them for the demands of Sixth Form.

Entering Middle School means our boys are approaching the most exciting and often the most challenging period of their lives, leaving childhood behind and transforming into young men. As we prepare our boys to sit their

first external examinations we also give them more opportunity than ever to socialise and to take part in co-curricular activities both inside and outside School.

We believe that boys should be encouraged to flourish in any of the vast variety of clubs and activities that are on offer outside the classroom, seeking to help all Middle School boys balance the demands of intense academic work with a range of activities that allow them to develop as healthy, well rounded and responsible young adults.

We have a tremendous support system in place for our pupils, not only from our teaching and medical staff, but also from our sixth formers who volunteer on a regular basis to be part of the Buddy Scheme, offering assistance with homework and giving friendly advice on academic subjects.

My greatest reward is to see former Middle School boys become Sixth Form students in their new suits, socially assured and ready for the final approach to university. What a great contrast to the child who joined the Middle School three years previously!

Andy Smith

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HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL