



RGS ESTD 1562
HIGH WYCOMBE

BOARDING

Meet The Team
at Fraser Youens

Fraser Youens Boarding House employs a number of staff who help the boarders in their daily lives.

There are three resident house staff who permanently live at Fraser Youens. Mr Jon Scourfield, the *Director of Boarding*, Mr Christopher Richardson, the *Academic Housemaster* and Mr Sam Clark, our *Pastoral Housemaster*. All three staff have specific roles within boarding, along with the responsibility of a small tutor group of boarders. The ethos of boarding is about allowing boarders the opportunity to develop in an environment where they feel safe and respected. We want to provide opportunities and activities that are stimulating and we want the boarders to live in an atmosphere of tolerance and mutual respect for one another and their surroundings.

Boarding House Staff

Jon Scourfield

Director of Boarding



Jon took up the position of Director of Boarding over a decade ago. Jon is married to Sarah (who is also a Boarding Co-ordinator and tutor) and they have two daughters. Jon is an avid reader when he has the time, and is passionate about most sports. Jon went to school in Yorkshire before studying a Physical Education degree at university. Initially after leaving, Jon juggled professional rugby league with his teaching career, however a knee injury put paid to the rugby and he joined RGS as Head of Year 7. He has also been Master in Charge of Athletics, Head of Rugby and a Head of Year in the Sixth Form. As well as Director of Boarding, Jon is an Assistant Head in the Main School. Jon loves travelling and has led numerous overseas trips and tours visiting North and South America, Australia, New Zealand and Africa. If you have any queries about any aspect of Boarding, Mr Scourfield will be able to point you in the right direction.

Christopher Richardson *Academic Housemaster*

Christopher completed his PGCE at Durham and joined the Royal Grammar School in 2018. He has been part of the boarding community since 2019, serving as a boarding tutor and most recently stepping into the role of Senior Boarding Tutor in 2023. Christopher is set to take over as Boarding Master in September 2024. A passionate sportsman, Christopher has played cricket at the district level in Ashford, participated in football with the RGS staff team, and enjoys playing table tennis. He is also a keen chess enthusiast. As a dedicated geography teacher, he delights in leading field trips to the Lake District and Skern Lodge in North Devon. In his new role as Boarding Master, Christopher will oversee academic matters within the boarding house, ensuring that all students are supported in reaching their full potential. He will coordinate the mentoring program, assist A-Level students with their university applications, and manage responsibilities related to Day Boarding and the boarding pocket money account.



Sam Clark *Pastoral Housemaster*

Sam started at RGS in 2016 and is Head of Hockey. Sam grew up and went to school in Oxford and comes from a family of teachers. He studied Psychology & Sport Science at Nottingham Trent University before getting his first taste of life in a boarding school in his first job post-graduation in Lancashire. Here, Sam completed his teacher training while working as a hockey coach and Deputy Housemaster before moving back to Oxford to join RGS and play hockey for his childhood club. Alongside his day job, Sam has a number of coaching roles outside of school, including with England Hockey where he gets to work with a number of RGS boarders including a couple of current Boarders. In his spare time, Sam enjoys reading, is a huge music fan but most importantly is always up for a game of table tennis, pool or football. Sam lives in Fraser Youens with his wife, Emily, and their young daughter. Emily is an engineer at Dyson and is also a hockey player and general sports enthusiast. Whenever they can, they like to get away and find any beach in North Cornwall but equally enjoys hiking trips in the Lakes, Wales and Scotland. Sam manages the boarding prefects, the House Blog and runs the house activity system. If you have any suggestions for activities, speak to Mr Clark.



Boarding Tutors

There are eight Boarding Tutor groups within Fraser Youens House. Boarding Tutors in addition to the Housemasters and Housemistress are teachers at RGS who, in the main, are resident on site but not within Fraser Youens House. They have different subject specialisms and this helps support the boarders both academically and pastorally.

Lee Rowe-Elliott Lee joined the RGS in September 2018 as a teacher in the Biology department. He is now Subject Leader for Biology. His main background is Human Physiology and Sport Performance after studying Sport and Exercise Science with a year abroad (Minnesota, US) at the University of Hertfordshire. Sport is one of his main passions competing at a high level in high jump and being involved in England U18 and U21 development squads for Hockey as a goalkeeper. Lee grew up in the local area and went to the rival school John Hampden Grammar. Lee's hobbies include playing the bass guitar, playing niche board games and building, crashing & repairing FPV racing drones when he can!



Sarah Scourfield Sarah lives in Fraser Youens House along with Jon and their two daughters and Mardo, a cockapoo. She studied International Politics and Strategic Studies at Aberystwyth University and a few years later completed her PGCE at Oxford Brookes. Sarah has travelled around the world, is an enthusiastic runner, has fulfilled a childhood aspiration of running the London Marathon and more recently enjoys the challenge of running local 10k trail races which involve lots of hills. Sarah has worked in the corporate events and conference industry and spent a decade teaching primary school children. Sarah's top priority in boarding is to create a warm and friendly environment for the boarders while they are studying and living away from home. As well as being a Tutor, Sarah works alongside Emma as a Boarding Co-ordinator.



Fergus Butler

Fergus joined RGS in 2021 as a fresh-faced recently qualified teacher of Mathematics. He studied Maths at the University of Durham and completed his PGCE at the University of Oxford. Formerly a keen rower, Fergus has competed in prestigious events such as Henley Royal Regatta. He is also a qualified rowing coach and has led many crews to some success. Fergus lived and worked in Japan for two years where he taught English at a small rural secondary school. There he picked up a passion for the culture and the language and would appreciate any and all conversation partners! Local to South Buckinghamshire and an Old Wycombiensian himself, he will be able to point you in the right direction in school life and around the area.



Olivia Caesar

Olivia joined RGS in 2020 as a Graduate Athletic Development coach and has since completed her teacher training and is now Subject leader for PE. A local girl, Olivia attended Beaconsfield High School and went on to complete her undergraduate degree at the University of Bath in Sport and Exercise Science, with a placement year at Silverstone. After graduating, Olivia continued her studies, obtaining a Masters in Sport and Exercise Psychology and a Research Masters in Sport, Health and Applied Science. A keen runner, Olivia has represented England in 400m and 4x400m and won BUCS titles whilst at University. Since joining RGS, Olivia has taken up rugby and is now part of the local women's team as well as the staff touch rugby team. In her spare time, Olivia also enjoys outdoor activities, reading and socialising with friends and family.



Bhavin Thakkar Bhavin has a rich background in bio-innovative start-ups, where he worked as a Chemical Engineer focusing on the sustainable circular economy and developing alternative materials to plastics. After completing his PGCE at Middlesex University, he joined the RGS as a Chemistry Teacher in 2023. Bhavin leads an active lifestyle, having grown up playing cricket and being selected for Middlesex County in his youth. He is also an avid golfer who frequently travels across the UK and Europe to play on various courses. A passionate chemist and engineer, Bhavin enjoys the problem-solving aspects of STEM and takes pride in Chemistry's real-world applications. His passion for education, rooted in his own student experiences, drives his commitment to positively impact students' lives and help them become the best versions of themselves.



Meera Carr

Meera joined the Royal Grammar School in September 2024 as the Subject Leader of Economics, bringing extensive experience from her prior teaching positions at Chesham Grammar School and Watford Grammar School for Boys. After studying Economics at university in London, she began her career in the city, working in Higher Education Policy and Digital Marketing before transitioning to education. Meera is married to Nick Carr, a Head of Year and a History and Politics teacher. Beyond her academic expertise, she has held pastoral roles as a Boarding Tutor and Deputy House Mistress at Mill Hill School. Meera is a keen traveller who enjoys immersing herself in new cultures. She's also a dedicated tennis player and has recently taken up reformer pilates. With a true passion for cooking, Meera hopes to share her love of food with the boarders at RGS, adding a personal and nurturing touch to their boarding experience.



Sam Connor

Despite being born in Buckinghamshire, Sam spent most his school life in Northampton before moving up to Leeds in 2019 to complete a degree in Sport Business Management at Leeds Beckett University.

After three enjoyable years in Leeds, Sam landed a graduate role at a large boarding school in the West Midlands which gave him the first taste of the teaching profession. Sam's next move would be abroad, to New Zealand, where he lived for just over six months and was fortunate enough to secure a position as a rugby coach and boarding supervisor at one of the most prestigious schools in Wellington, while also playing for a rugby club in the Premier Men's Division.

Following a hugely rewarding time in New Zealand, Sam returned to Leeds in 2024 to commence a PGCE in Physical Education. Alongside his studies, Sam played semi-professional rugby and coached across the Academy teams at the university. Sam hopes to pass on the learnings and insight gained from his experiences in sport to the students at RGS and hopefully help them along their journeys.

Outside of work, Sam enjoys socialising with friends, surfing and listening to music.





Senior Prefects

Phil Scott

Since joining Fraser Youens in September 2024, the Boarding House and Community have welcomed me as if I had joined in year 7. I have found new friends, pursued my academic studies and developed new skills. In the future, I aim to study law at university and am currently studying 3 A levels: Ancient History, Politics and English literature. In my own time, I enjoy playing football, going to the gym and going on runs. Since joining the RGS and Fraser Youens boarding house, I have been given the confidence to become a leader in several societies around the school. As Head of Boarding, and member of the boarding community, I'm always around to answer any questions, make everyone feel welcomed and support everyone in boarding any way I can, especially because I understand it can be daunting joining a new school and boarding house.



Nick Sutton

I am studying DT, Maths and Economics for my A-Levels, with the hope of studying Architectural Engineering at university. I thoroughly enjoy being an NCO in the school's CCF as well as helping to run the Junior Guitar Ensemble while working towards my diploma. Since year 7, boarding has been a second home, enabling me to make lifelong friends as well as balance my studies and my commitments. You can find me in and around the boarding house if you have any questions about the boarding community.



Louis Antoine

I have been boarding since year 7, and I am now in sixth form studying Art, History and Music. I am proudly involved in school sports and music, including playing first XI hockey as well as the bass guitar and guitar. I also love to get involved in the school musicals, playing characters such as Shrek in Shrek and Clyde Barrow in Bonnie and Clyde. For me, boarding is all about the community, having someone to have a laugh with on a good day, in turn having someone to chat to on a bad one. If you ever need to find me to talk, you can find me around the boarding house, in the gym or in the music department.



Jude Kloppers

I joined Fraser Youens during year 12 and it has been one of the best decisions I have ever made. I study Maths, Business and Economics and hope to study finance at university or go into a finance degree apprenticeship. Boarding has helped me catch up on work that I don't understand by getting help from the different boarding tutors. I have had the privilege of representing the RGSHW 1st XV in rugby this past year, and boarding has allowed me to get extra training done both on the pitch and in the gym. Boarding has made me realise the importance of a work-life balance and taught me how to manage my time effectively, so that I can work hard on my studies while still having time for fun with my friends. I was in your position not too long ago so I understand that joining boarding can be a bit overwhelming. I am always happy to help with any questions or if you need to chat about something. You can find me on the rugby field or in the gym as well as around the boarding house.



Hamid Osobemekun

I joined Fraser Youens in year 12 while studying Maths, Economics and Business. I hope to pursue my studies in either economics or computer science. I enjoy using my time to play rugby and basketball for the school. Joining boarding was one of the most welcoming things I've been through. Everyone contributed to the process, making it feel like a home away from home. Boarding has improved my day-to-day life tenfold, as it allows for a good mix of fun, studies, and extracurricular activities. The boarding house has helped improve my social skills and gain lifelong friendships, and I hope it can do the same for you.



Domestic Team

For most of our younger boarders, many of this team will be 'unseen', in that the dorms and common rooms are cleaned whilst the boarders are in lessons. None the less, these staff are vital to ensuring we maintain the very highest standards, so that Fraser Youens House is a great place to live in. If you are wondering who magically cleans your dorm, or helps to tidy your personal area, these are the people:

Melanie Wheeler is responsible for the laundry and works hard to get through the daily mountain of dirty washing from 70 boarders, trying to reunite all the socks, pants and shirts with their rightful owners! She is also the person to see if you can't find your tie, PE shorts, lab coat or your school blazer. Melanie has three grown up children of her own and four grandchildren.



Salecha Peters started working in the boarding house in 2017 after working as a carer. She has a daughter and hobbies include swimming, shopping and baking.



Karen Standen has been a member of the team since 2010 and assists in the laundry room. She has two children of her own and four grandchildren. Her hobbies include horse riding and gardening.



Marion Greenlee joined the boarding domestic team in 1999. She is married to Rick and has one child and four grandchildren. Marion enjoys listening to music especially Reggae!



Jackie White previously worked as a carer before joining the team in 2023. She has one son and interests include football and foreign holidays.



Support Staff

Emma Boyle Boarding Co-ordinator Emma pursued her degree in Information and Media Studies at Brighton University. After obtaining her qualification in 2002, she spent a year traveling across Asia and Australia, acquiring various new skills and exploring diverse locations. Upon her return, Emma took on the role of HR Assistant at Norland Managed Services and relocated to London. Following a promotion within her department, she transitioned to a more senior position at Jack Morton Worldwide, an events company. During this time, she returned to university to earn a Master's degree in People Management and obtain her CIPD qualification. After becoming qualified in human resources, Emma advanced to the position of Director of Human Resources at Specific Media, an online advertising agency, eventually leaving as the Vice President of the organisation. Emma is a mother of three, has a strong passion for travel, and enjoys musicals.



Gina Barry Matron Gina qualified as a paediatric nurse in 2003 and spent the following three years working on a children's ward. In 2007 she completed a degree in Community Health Care Nursing and has since worked for Bucks Healthcare NHS Trust. Her role as a Specialist Community Public Health Nurse enabled her to support children and young people in schools in the High Wycombe area. Gina passionately believes in the importance of treating the whole person and will look at the physical, mental and emotional health needs of everyone in her care. Gina is married to Kieran, a Chartered Surveyor, and has four children - two boys and two girls. In her spare time Gina enjoys baking and swimming. She brings a wealth of experience to the Boarding House and is a friendly face if you are feeling unwell.



James Young Independent Person James is currently Head of Chemistry at Wycombe Abbey. He has worked in the boarding sector for over a decade and was a Senior Boarding Tutor at RGS. His experience and knowledge of boarding equips him with the skills to help anyone living in boarding who may have any issues. Mr Young will be visiting Fraser Youens termly.



Bernard Treguer

Executive Head Chef Bernard Treguer also known as Bernie to many, is not from 'Up North' as some might imagine, but originates from Brittany, France.

Bernie came to the UK in 1991 and since then has worked in restaurants, and for investment banks within corporate dining. More recently he worked in a variety of schools across the South of England.

Bernie began working with Chapter One in 2023 where he enjoyed working with a talented team. Bernie comes from a family of 10 children, with whom he shares a love of sports, arts and music. Bernie is married and has two wonderful children.





IF YOU WANT TO TALK TO SOMEONE

We would like to help you whether your problem is in or out of School or the Boarding house. What if you just want to talk to someone? Remember, you probably have friends who may be able to help you or an older boy to whom you feel you can turn to. The Director of Boarding, the Housemasters, House Tutors or other members of staff always want to help.

Turn to anyone you feel you can talk to comfortably.

There may be times when you feel you cannot talk to a member of staff – this is perfectly alright. Talk, telephone or write to any of the following people:

There are specific members of school staff responsible for Safeguarding:

1. Priory Doctor's Surgery

(High Wycombe)
01494 448132

2. Child Line 0800 1111

3. The Samaritans 116 123

4. Cruse Bereavement Line

0808 808 1677

5. Mr James Young

(Independent Person)
07749 854 918

6. Children's Commissioner
Help at Hand 0800 528 0731

7. LADO (Child Protection)

01296 382 070

8. CEOP: Child Exploitation and

Online Protection command

ceop.police.uk

9. SHOUT

85258 text support service

- DSL David Durning
Assistant Head

- ADSL Jon Scourfield
Director of Boarding

- ADSL Sam Clark
Pastoral Housemaster

- ADSL Gina Barry Matron

- ADSL Stephanie Herath
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