



RGS ESTD 1562
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BOARDING

Meet The Team
at Fraser Youens

Fraser Youens House has a number of staff that help the boarders in their daily lives.

There are three resident house staff who permanently live at Fraser Youens. Mr Jon Scourfield, *Head of Boarding*, Mrs Ginny Gallagher, *Academic Housemistress* and Mr Antony Silvey, *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
Head of Boarding



Jon took up the position as Head of Boarding in 2008. Jon is married to Sarah (a teacher, who is also a Boarding Tutor) and they have two daughters, Sian and Megan, who have both grown up in the boarding environment. 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 Borough Road (now Brunel University). Initially after leaving college, 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. Jon loves travelling and has led overseas ski trips and tours abroad visiting South America, Australasia and Africa. If you have any queries about any aspect of Boarding, Mr Scourfield will be able to point you in the right direction.

Ginny Gallagher

Academic Housemistress

Ginny was educated at Hereford Cathedral School before reading Mathematics with Education at Homerton College, University of Cambridge. She joined the RGS in 2004 after enjoying a short spell teaching in India. Ginny has been part of the Boarding community since 2005 as a Boarding Tutor and as a Housemistress since 2011. In addition to teaching Mathematics, she has been an officer in the CCF (Army), involved in Duke of Edinburgh and World Challenge Expeditions. Ginny is passionate about travel, particularly relishing her adventures in India, Outer Mongolia and Southeast Asia. She also enjoys hiking, yoga, art, photography and textile crafts and completed her first half marathon in 2014. Ginny is married to David, who is a Head of Year and a fellow RGS Maths teacher. They have two young daughters, Lucy and Emily. Although Mrs Gallagher has responsibility for Academic matters within boarding she is clearly there to support all of the boarders in a huge variety of ways.



Antony Silvey

Pastoral Housemaster

Antony has been a member of the RGS teaching staff since 2014 after completing a PGCE and BA in Spanish with Psychology at the University of Birmingham. As part of his course, he was able to spend a year in Huelva, Andalucía. Antony has loved being a part of the boarding team since 2014 firstly as a Boarding Tutor and now Housemaster. Antony is a keen rugby player and an old boy of the school, which allowed him to play in the 1st XV alongside England international Christian Wade. He teaches Spanish to A Level as well as French to our junior students. Antony's love of Spanish culture and cuisine is renowned and he can cook a mean Paella! Antony also loves to travel, has ventured to Iceland, Morocco, Ecuador and Sweden with World challenge, and is a regular on the Junior Ski trip to Pila, Italy. He loves to see the boys get the most out of life at RGS and has been involved in Eton Fives, Magic Club, DofE, CCF and school rugby. As an old boy of RGS, he can pass on many handy hints to our boarders. Antony manages the Boarding Prefects, the House Blog and runs the House Activity System. If you have any suggestions of activities you love or want to try, speak to Mr Silvey.



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 supports the boys both academically and pastorally.

Sabrina Lawson

Sabrina is the current Subject Leader for Spanish and Head of MFL and shares a Boarding Tutor group with Mrs Scourfield. Having gone to school at Challoner's, she then went to study German and Spanish at Manchester University, including a third year spent in both Spain and Germany. After graduating, she lived in Poland for two years, teaching English and then spent one final year living in Madrid before deciding to return to the UK to teach full time. She runs an annual Spanish exchange trip, enjoys travelling and has led World Challenge trips to Madagascar, Tanzania, Morocco and Croatia. She particularly likes baking and loves arranging this as an activity for our boarders.



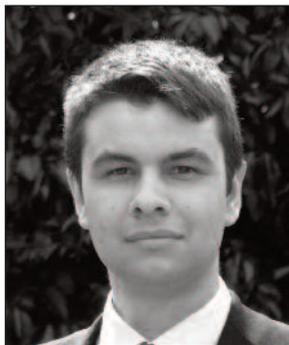
Luke Huelin

Luke was born and grew up in Jersey, where he enjoyed all types of water sports and outdoor adventure. Luke studied Sports Performance at the University of Bath from 2012-2015. During that time, Luke represented the 1XV rugby team as well as making appearances for Bath United. Following Luke's graduation from the University of Bath, he went on to complete a PGCE in Physical Education at Bath Spa University. Luke started as a PE teacher at RGS in September 2016 and as a Boarding Tutor at Fraser Youens the following academic year.



Luke Pettengell

Luke joined the RGS in September 2017 as a teacher in the Chemistry department. He studied for a BSc in Biochemistry at the University of York and a couple of years later completed his PGCE at the University of Cambridge. Having served for three years in Leeds University Officer Training Corps, he was quickly drawn to the Combined Cadet Force where he is commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. He is a vocal supporter of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and is actively engaged as an Expedition Assessor. When he gets a free moment, Luke is a self-confessed nerd, with a passion for all things Warhammer and has a keen interest in science fiction novels.



Sarah Scourfield

Sarah lives in Fraser Youens House along with Jon and their daughters, Sian and Megan. Sarah is a primary KS2 teacher and prior to changing her career to teaching, worked in the corporate events and conference industry in London. 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 ran the gruelling Boxing Day Chevin Chase Race. Sarah's top priority in boarding is to create a warm and friendly environment for the boys while they are studying and living away from home. As well as being a Tutor, Sarah works alongside Gilly as a Boarding Administrator.



James Young

After seven years at Hornsea School and Language College, James went on to study Natural Sciences for four years at the University of Cambridge before staying a further year to complete his PGCE. He returned part time to complete his Master of Education. He started working at RGS in 2010 as a Teacher of Chemistry and has been a Boarding Tutor since 2012. James is the Subject Leader for Chemistry and is also involved in U12 Rugby. Mr Young's Chemistry sessions for boarding have been a huge success. Outside of school he enjoys running, especially those gruelling events with mud and obstacles as well as the local Wycombe Rye Parkrun.



Chris De Kock

Chris holds a Diploma in Sport Science and worked as a Lead Rowing Coach at St Johns College South Africa for six years. Chris has led RGS Rowing since 2016 and spends his time running training sessions and rowing events for the school throughout the year. Ever adaptable, Chris also works as a Cover Assistant. Chris is a keen sportsman and currently plays for the local Wycombe Rugby Club in the Winter. During the Summer months Chris is never far from the river, rowing for Marlow Rowing Club. Chris is working towards a degree in Graphic Design through the Open University. He looks forward to continuing his involvement within RGS as a Boarding Tutor in Fraser Youens House.



Francis Mullaly

Francis joined RGS in September 2017 as Assistant Director of Music, having previously taught at RGS Newcastle. Having spent his childhood growing up in Belfast, he moved to England to study Music at Durham University. As well as assisting with the Music Department's extra-curricular scene, Francis has a keen interest in drama/theatre - having directed or performed in over twenty shows and counting! Francis is a talented musician playing a total of eight instruments as well as playing in his own jazz band. Outside the Arts, he has an unwavering interest in Irish League football, dogs and likes to travel around Europe. Having enjoyed his first year at the RGS, Francis looks forward to making a positive impact as a Boarding Tutor at Fraser Youens this coming academic year.



Senior Prefects

Adil Terracciano

Head of House

Having been a member of Fraser Youens since Year 7, I have enjoyed all aspects of boarding life, from the academic to the active and the social. Currently studying Chemistry and Biology and Maths. I hope to one day study Medicine at university. Outside the classroom I am a keen footballer, cricketer and musician and have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the CCF. Being part of the boarding community has made me a much more confident, outgoing person and I feel that my experiences from the past six years will help me settle into a fully independent lifestyle when I leave.





Ashley Tsui
Deputy Head of House

Since joining RGS and Fraser Youens in Year 10, boarding has turned into a fundamental part of my life, just like a second home. I'm currently studying Geography, Maths, Economics and Ancient History. Before joining RGS, I was living and studying in Hong Kong. For most international students, settling in can be quite a daunting task. RGS and Fraser Youens have really supported me and allowed me to unlock my potential academically and develop me as a person socially. Now, it is time for me to give back to our close community, whether it is helping boys with homework or guiding them to be the best RGS boy possible. My ambition is to study law at a Russell Group University after graduating from RGS, then moving on to achieve my goal of working as a human rights lawyer in the UN.



Flynn Delaney
Deputy Head of House

I joined RGS in the sixth form and this is my second year in Fraser Youens House. I currently study Geography, History, Economics and Sport and I wish to study Politics and Economics at university. Rugby is my great passion, playing for the RGS 1st XV last season and Wasps Academy for four years. Boarding has greatly shaped the sportsman and academic I am today. It has allowed me to develop not only my sporting ability but assisted my academic studies with the pastoral support from teachers and staff within Fraser Youens House. The best part of the boarding house is that we are a big family, always looking to help each other out if needed.



Domestic Team

For most of our younger boarders, many of this team will be unseen, the dorms and common rooms are cleaned whilst the boys are in lessons. Nonetheless, these staff are vital in ensuring we maintain the very highest standards to ensure that Fraser Youens House is a great place to live in. If you are wondering who magically cleans your dorm or helps tidy your personal area these are the people:

Melanie Wheeler is responsible for the laundry, works hard to get through the daily mountain of dirty washing from 70 boys, trying to re-unite 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 and four grandchildren.



Mary Beale initially started working for Fraser Youens House as an evening assistant with our catering team, but joined the domestic team in January 2017. Mary is originally from the Philippines, she moved to England after marrying her husband, who she met whilst visiting the UK. Mary is mum to three young children, two girls and a boy. Mary's favourite English food is Sunday roast and fish and chips.



Linda Hobbs is the longest serving team member, having joined the domestic team in 1991 when boarders still lived in the old boarding house, which is now the school office building. In her spare time Linda enjoys art and baking, her speciality are cupcakes. She has four children and five grandchildren.



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



Marion Greenlee joined the boarding domestic team in 1999. She is married to Rick, who assists with maintenance in Fraser Youens House, and they have one child and four grandchildren together.



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



Catering Team

Roberto Abis joined us as Head Chef in November 2016. Roberto originally comes from Sardinia, where he gained qualifications to be a teacher at elementary school, which is equivalent to the qualifications of a primary teacher in the UK. After moving to the UK 18 years ago, he has primarily worked in the catering industry. Roberto has brought some of his Italian flair to our menu. Before Roberto joined Fraser Youens House, he worked as a chef for Wycombe Abbey and Pipers Corner Schools. When Roberto doesn't cook amazing meals for us, he teaches private lessons in Italian and enjoys travelling and keeping fit.



Eva Sam joined us in January 2018. Eva was born in Belgium and has lived in Cote D'Ivoire and speaks four languages, fluent in French. Her catering career began in 1990 and Eva has just completed a degree in Business Management. In her spare time she enjoys cars and travelling and is a keen gardener with a love of flowers. Her friends call her the orchid whisperer.



Linda Pitwell has been part of the team since 2007. She has two grown up children. Linda is the person you want to see if your common room needs stocking up or you want seconds at break and lunchtime. Always smiling, you'll want to be nice to her!



Carol Bisseker tends to work at the back of the kitchen. She has two children at home plus a rabbit, a guinea pig, a dog and two cats. She says that her husband, Ian, just about puts up with her. Carol has been working at Fraser Youens House since 2006. Carol freely admits that she is slightly mad, often singing and making up her own words to pop songs.



Rae (Ray) Dawn Latham is our weekend chef, meaning full cooked breakfasts on a Saturday morning and Sunday roasts. She describes herself as an upcoming chef from the Caribbean. Rae was born on the idyllic island of St. Vincent and freely admits she has a passion for pastry. Her favourite meals to cook are Italian dishes.



Support Staff

Gilly Colston

Boarding Administrator

Gilly has been at RGS since 2014 and is married to husband Dominic. She has four boys, two of which have been students at RGS. Her career has been varied from working overseas, in London and to running her own soft furnishings business. Gilly has a love of outdoor pursuits and has travelled to Croatia, Norway and Ecuador on World Challenge trips with the School. She regularly goes on the Italy School Ski Trip, the Year 7's trip to Buxton and has been known to assist a DofE weekend! Never one to shy away from a challenge she has recently signed up for the Great North Run and has previously completed the staff cycle from High Wycombe to Brighton to raise money for one of our students. Previous charity fundraisers have included cycling from London to Paris and long distance walks. In her own time she keeps fit by walking her black Labrador and running. She also loves to bake and travel.



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. Her middle son is a Sous Chef and works for the Queen! 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.



Maintenance Team

Ian, David and Rick help to ensure that the House doesn't fall apart despite over seventy 11-18 year olds living here! There is a maintenance book held in the duty room and if something is broken, your shower isn't hot enough, etc., all you have to do is see a member of the duty staff and we will make sure that it is fixed. The team all help to maintain the highest standards and redecorate the House from top to bottom.





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