

ABOUT ME

I am delighted to be joining Whitgift School as the new Headmaster from the summer of 2025, and doubly pleased to be returning to south London, an area I have always considered as home. Whitgift is an outstanding and extraordinary school, and I am excited and hugely motivated to be part of its bright future.

Born and brought up in south London, I have also lived abroad at various points during my childhood – in Switzerland, north-east America, and Spain. After attending Dulwich College, it was perhaps in part my international outlook that led me to study Modern and Mediaeval Languages at Trinity College, Cambridge.

After university, I spent a few years in the commercial world at a media planning agency and then, inspired to work with young people, I undertook my PGCE at King's College, London. After five years back at Dulwich, I worked at two more fabulous schools in Wellington College and Godolphin and Latymer. During this period, I also undertook an MA at the Institute of Education, studying Leadership in Education. I then left London, moving to King's Macclesfield in 2012 as Deputy Head and then over the Pennines to take up the role of Head at Pocklington in 2019.



WHY WHITGIFT?

The breadth of offering and how this translates into a wealth of opportunity for the whole community is astonishing. I have always believed that alongside academic progress and achievement, a crucial part of a pupil's time at school is the chance to discover and develop new interests and passions; Whitgift provides a fantastic platform for this.

Boys' education is important to me. I have worked in single sex settings, co-educational schools and even a 'diamond' structure school, so I understand how different contexts can produce outstanding outcomes. But boys' education speaks to both my heart and head, and I will always place their needs at the core of any decisions.

As a south Londoner, I know and treasure what this area and the wider capital offer. It certainly feels like absence makes the heart grow fonder, and my family and I are very much looking forward to connecting with the vibrant, diverse, and energetic community within and surrounding Whitgift. This sense of energy and enthusiasm is supported by an evident willingness to innovate, and this is yet another of Whitgift's attractive features.

All these facets of Whitgift's provision are aspects of schools that have been important to me throughout my career. I am grateful to be working closely with the current Head, Andrew Halls, and I look forward to joining you all next summer.

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Toby Seth