



Ben Vessey **Headmaster** **Canford School**

Ben Vessey was educated at Magdalen College School, Oxford and Southampton University where he studied History. He spent four years in the City before moving into education. A Masters in History was followed by an MBA focused in Educational Management.

His first teaching post was at Dauntsey's, where, during his nine years at the school, he was a boarding housemaster and Head of History. During five years at Millfield, he became Head of the History, Politics and Law faculty and was a member of the body overseeing the school's academic curriculum. In 2008, Ben took up the post of Senior Deputy Head at Christ's Hospital and during his time there, he played a key role in the strategic development of the school and a restructuring of co-curricular life.

On joining Canford as Headmaster in 2013, Ben undertook a full strategic review and put in place a five development year plan which has now been completed. Within that period Canford has seen improved and enhanced structures, particularly within the co-curricular and pastoral areas of busy boarding school life, while maintaining a firm commitment to the high academic achievement for which the school is well recognised. The school is currently enjoying the highest roll in its history. A second phase of strategic planning is now well underway to improve the educational offering and preparation for life beyond Canford for all pupils, present and future.

Ben currently sits on the HMC Professional Development subcommittee as Vice Chair. In 2019, he was part of an ISC group selected to represent the independent sector to MPs showcasing the range of partnership work undertaken by member schools.

Ben is a keen sportsman, rugby in particular, and has coached pupils at various levels during his career. He also takes great interest in the arts. Ben is married to Harriet and they have three sons, Ned, George and William.

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