



Shaun Fenton MA (Oxon) MEd (Oxon)

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Inspired by the life-changing education he received, Shaun Fenton has undertaken leadership roles in some of the UK's leading independent and state schools. His practice is underpinned by a strong belief in the power of education to open doors of opportunity and the conviction that young people must be supported with the very best pastoral care to enable them to embrace and achieve academic and extra-curricular success.

Prior to joining Reigate Grammar School (RGS) in September 2012 Shaun led Pate's Grammar School, Cheltenham and Sir John Lawes School, Hertfordshire. For five years in a row, RGS has been named the top co-educational day school in Surrey by The Telegraph and The Sunday Times and was judged to be "Exceptional" by the Independent Schools Inspectorate in 2016.

Educated at The Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School and Keble College, Oxford, Shaun briefly worked in the commercial world before returning to Oxford in 1993 to complete a PGCE and gained the degree of Master of Education in School Leadership. In addition, he holds the National Professional Qualification for Headship.

Shaun has been on the board of education charity and examination board AQA; a National Leader of Education; a Foundation Fellow of Gloucestershire University; a member of the UCAS Service Advisory Group; an Associate of Reform; and an ISI Inspector. During the academic year 2018-2019 Shaun held the post of Chair of HMC during which he led two national conferences and spoke at a number of events on subjects including the importance of wellbeing and pastoral care, community outreach and others

In 2019 RGS was shortlisted for four national TES School of the Year awards and won School of the Year for Wellbeing and Pastoral Care (TES) and School of the Year for Community Outreach (ISP).

In 2020 RGS was once again shortlisted for the TES Senior School of the Year Award and TES School of the Year Creativity Award.

Shaun's passion for education is equalled by his love of sport, drama and music.

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