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Tom Arbuthnott is Deputy Head (Partnerships) at Eton College and oversees the school's strategies to widen access to talented boys from diverse backgrounds, along with responsibility for school partnerships and school communications. He oversees Eton's strong and multiple relationships with state sector schools and the community engagement programme, as well as the annual summer schools.

Tom took degrees from both Oxford and Cambridge universities, before working in Brussels and London for a European Parliament think tank. In 2004, Tom retrained as a teacher, working at comprehensives in Guildford, Castle Bromwich and Ladywood (Birmingham). From 2010-2016, Tom led an award-winning outreach programme at King Edward's School, Birmingham.

An Old Etonian himself, he returned in 2016 as Eton's first Director of Outreach and Partnership. In 2017-18, he served as Chair of the Schools Together Group, an organisation which is committed to promoting powerful and effective relationships between schools in the state and independent sectors. This year Tom has overseen the launch of the Themes Valley Learning Partnership, creating a foundation for collaborative and effective cross-sector relationships between local schools and students.



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