



John Smith

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John Smith joined RGS Newcastle in 2004 as an NQT and has worked there ever since. He has taken on various roles during his time at RGS, including Housemaster, Head of Football and more recently, Head of Maths for twelve years. He added the role of Head of Teaching to his responsibilities from 2017, and continues to work with PGCE trainees and ECTs. Having worked on a range of Partnerships projects over recent years, John secured the role of Director of Partnerships in the Autumn of 2020. This was a new full time SLT role, reflecting the commitment of the school to Partnerships. In the Autumn Term of 2021, RGS Partnerships work reached over 4500 students from around 60 schools across the North East and CPD activities affected the practice of over 200 staff in local state schools. John is excited by the potential of the funded Partnership Teacher model at RGS, which currently covers Maths and Physics, but will expand to Classics and Robotics from next academic year.