

Shaun Fenton OBE

Headmaster

Reigate Grammar School

Shaun Fenton has led 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 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 and was judged to be **"Excellent in all areas"** by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) in 2023. 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 is a Fellow of the Chartered College of teaching and has been on the board of education charity and examination board AQA; a National Leader of Education; a member of the UCAS Service Advisory Group; and is an ISI Inspector. Shaun has been Chair of HMC promoting the importance of wellbeing and pastoral care, community outreach and others. Shaun is currently a trustee of the Institute of Development Professionals in Education; and sits on the advisory board of The Sleep Charity.

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. In 2020, Shaun was also honoured to be awarded OBE in for Services to Education.

In 2021 RGS was named School of the Year at the UK Social Mobility Awards (SOMOs).

In 2022 RGS was recognised by Education Today and won the **School of the Year award for our community engagement and outreach programme.**



This year RGS was proudly awarded Surrey Co-Educational **Independent Senior School of the Year in the 2023 Private Education Awards hosted by LUXlife**. We were also highly commended for our Sixth Form by the Muddy Stilettos School awards and received the Leading Parent Partnership Award for outstanding engagement with all parents. RGS was a shortlisted finalist for two further School of the year Awards by School House and by ISP.

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