



## Appointment of New Principal

After 7 years of outstanding leadership at Inspiring Futures Education (IFE), including 3 years at Padworth College, Lorraine Atkins is stepping down from headship and is being replaced by Crispin Dawson as Padworth's new Principal.

Crispin has taught for more than 22 years in state, independent and international schools, including more than 20 years of experience in boarding schools. He is passionate about leading a school community and influencing and creating an outstanding environment for students to learn and thrive as young people.



Crispin was a Senior Housemaster at Oakham School from 2000 to 2013, before moving to Cheltenham College, where he was Senior Deputy Head and Acting Head for a short period. In January 2021, he moved to Muscat, Oman to take on a new role as Founding Principal of Cheltenham Muscat. Additionally, Crispin is a Boarding Inspector for the Independent Schools Inspectorate and holds an MEd in Educational Leadership from the University of Buckingham.

Crispin is married to Sarah. They have three children who attend boarding school in the UK.

Whilst Crispin will formally commence his new role in August 2022, he has plans to visit Padworth on a number of occasions over the coming months to ensure a smooth handover with Lorraine.

We look forward to welcoming Crispin to Padworth College and the IFE community.

We also look forward to continuing to work with Lorraine, who will be joining the BSA Group in summer 2022 as Director of Engagement, supporting members across BSA, Sacpa, BAISIS and Hieda.



Towards the end of the Spring Term, we were delighted to welcome a number of agents to Padworth, as part of a FAM trip organised by Bartons UK.

After such a long break due to the pandemic, it was lovely to welcome existing and new partners from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Russia, Albania and Uzbekistan. During the visit, agents met with the College's academic team, including the Principal and Deputy Principal, current students and Adam Connor, Market Executive at NCUK, who provided an overview of the NCUK International Foundation Year. We then enjoyed a Polish lunch, fantastically prepared by our Head Chef Raf and resident catering team.



## Pancake Day Celebrations

At the beginning of March, we celebrated Pancake Day or Shrove Tuesday, the traditional feast day before the start of Lent - the 40 days leading up to Easter. In the UK, pancake races form part of the Shrove Tuesday celebrations - an opportunity for large numbers of people to race whilst tossing pancakes! At Padworth, we enjoyed some fabulous pancakes, courtesy of our Head Chef, Raf and his catering team, followed by some entertaining pancake races!

## Spring Term Parents' Evening

Towards the end of the Spring Term, we were delighted to organise the College's first virtual Parents' Evening, with parents able to book video appointments with teaching staff. Such video-based Parents' Evenings became a necessity during the pandemic, with many boarding schools in the UK organising such online interactions using a dedicated software package called SchoolCloud. The convenience for both staff and parents and in particular, international parents resident overseas, is obvious and many independent schools in the UK have continued to offer virtual appointments, despite Covid restrictions now been fully lifted.

We were delighted to offer parents the opportunity to meet with all of their child's teachers within the space of 1-2 hours and intend to offer a similar experience on a termly basis going forward.



# Spring Term Weekend Highlights

## London Trip



## University Preparation for Year 12

As we look ahead to the return of students after the Easter holidays, the process of

preparing our Year 12 students for university applications will commence in earnest in the Summer Term. In keeping with our normal timetable, the Year 12 cohort will commence the UCAS process with their Personal Tutors, supported by members of the College's Senior Leadership Team. They will have the opportunity to attend an online university fair and on 20 April, a talk on opportunities in medicine and dentistry, which will also highlight the importance of the Personal Statement.



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