



## Alumni Newsletter No 3: December 2019



### Meet the new Principal Mr Jeremy Single

As you may have seen in our last newsletter, Homewood School has a new Principal, Mr Jeremy Single, who took over from Mrs Sally Lees at the end of August 2019. Jeremy was previously the Deputy Headteacher at Dover Grammar School for Girls and comes to Homewood with a wide range of experience in school leadership. He has worked in both selective and non-selective schools in Kent and has experience as an Ofsted inspector. As we race towards the Christmas break we were given the opportunity to put some questions to him.

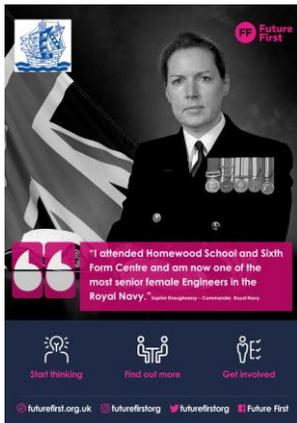
(See our Q&As with Jeremy overleaf)



### Alumni role models

This term Sophie Shaughnessy, a Commander in the Royal Navy and Trudy Davis, a Headteacher overseas, have kindly volunteered to appear in our successful poster campaign. Current Homewood students of all ages love to see the variety of career pathways that former students have selected.

If you would be willing to join the growing list of volunteers to appear in our poster campaign please contact us on [alumni@homewood.kent.sch.uk](mailto:alumni@homewood.kent.sch.uk) and we will get in touch.



**Keep up with Homewood news**  
You can always keep up with the latest Homewood news via our [website](#), and by following us on [Twitter](#) @Homewood\_School and [Facebook](#).

**Take up the Challenge.** We have just celebrated the 50th cycle of our early intervention programme. Are you a graduate of this programme? Did it make a difference to you? Would you be willing to share your memories? If so then please email us on: [alumni@homewood.kent.sch.uk](mailto:alumni@homewood.kent.sch.uk)



**Were you a Homewood leaver between summer 1970 to 1973?**

There is a proposed re-union planned for July 2020. For further details please contact Dave Brind: [d.brind@ntlworld.com](mailto:d.brind@ntlworld.com)

**Q&A's with Jeremy Single (continued from p1)**

**Q1 What do you believe sets Homewood apart from other schools?**

Homewood is an outward-facing school where excellent practice and strong partnerships help to create a stimulating learning environment and ensure the very best achievements for all students. Additionally, as part of the Tenterden Schools Trust, Homewood helps to provide a seamless and coherent learning experience from 0 to 19, and this provides all sorts of exciting opportunities for students and staff alike. In short, Homewood is a truly unique school!

**Q2 Which 3 top qualities do you think a Principal should have?**

As Principal, I believe that my core aim is to ensure exceptional achievements for all students at every level. The top 3 qualities to achieve this goal are:

1. Ability to establish a positive and aspirational ethos
2. Ability to provide a clear vision and strategic direction
3. Ability to inspire and motivate by maintaining high expectations and through leading with a strong moral purpose

**Q3 What will you be trying to achieve over the next 5 years?**

Within the next 5 years, I want to have established Homewood as a school at the forefront of educational development: a beacon of excellence and leading the way for other schools.

**Q4 Homewood School is an important part of the community. What links are you hoping to develop?**

Homewood has established many effective partnerships over the years, resulting in a very wide range of collaborative work. As the new Principal, I want to develop these links even further to help enhance teaching and learning, aid personal development and further improve outcomes for all students. I am particularly keen to develop stronger links with the school's alumni and am always keen to welcome former students back to the school to help inspire and motivate our current young people.

**Q5 Christmas pudding or mince pies?**

Mince pies – warm with brandy butter!



## Mince Pies and Hot Chocolate



The Sixth Form would like to extend a warm invitation to our most recent alumni (6th Form Leavers 2019) to join us on the 19<sup>th</sup> December for a catch up with friends and tell us how you have been getting on since leaving Homewood. If you would like to join

us on the 19<sup>th</sup> then please let us know by emailing [e.rousseau@homewood.kent.sch.uk](mailto:e.rousseau@homewood.kent.sch.uk)

### Upcoming Events – Can you Help?

**10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 Year 7 Inspire Day.** We are looking for employers and organisations to host short carousel workshops to introduce Year 7 students to the world of work in a range of sectors. If you can help email [h.hayes@homewood.kent.sch.uk](mailto:h.hayes@homewood.kent.sch.uk)

### **6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 Workshop – Building Resilience.**

We are holding a workshop for some of our Year 8 students to help improve confidence and develop strategies for building resilience in the face of different challenges. Alumni assistance would be welcome, contact: [alumni@homewood.kent.sch.uk](mailto:alumni@homewood.kent.sch.uk)

**Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas & a great 2020!**