

**Mr K MacSporran - Deputy Headteacher**

I qualified as a Teacher of History from Exeter University and began my career in a large comprehensive school near Bournemouth. I moved to Weald in 2007 as Head of Humanities and joined the senior leadership team in 2012. Whilst I have held a wide range of responsibilities and roles within the senior team, the majority of my time has been spent in pastoral leadership, wellbeing and safeguarding.

My first principle of education is attending to the whole child; recognising that for a young person to develop and progress both academically and socially, they require a sound emotional base. Engaging families to build a mutual team around each young person continues to be a significant element of my role. I am the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and lead a team of excellent deputy DSLs across the school. I teach History and Politics and really enjoy the critical and creative analysis within these subjects. The power of independent and critical thought, combined with careful use of evidence and clear argument, are the skills I hope my students take from my lessons.

It is a great privilege to spend a considerable part of one's career in one school, (and what a wonderful school!), seeing our students through the year groups from the moment they arrive on induction day to congratulating them on A Level results day.