

My name is Daniel Thomas and I am very proud to be the Head of Lancaster House.

My background

I grew up in a town called Merthyr Tydfil in South Wales. Whilst at school, I loved PE and enjoyed maths, and these were the subjects that I studied at Sixth Form. After my A-Levels, I moved to Loughborough University to study Maths & Sports Science, graduating in 2014 before moving to Bristol.

My time at Churchill Academy & Sixth Form

I trained as a maths teacher at Churchill Academy & Sixth Form during the 2018/19 academic year. I secured a job to remain at Churchill and haven't looked back since. During my first year as a qualified teacher, COVID happened, meaning I had an unusual first year of teaching lessons online. I have experience of teaching all of the year groups throughout school, including A-Level maths, as well as a mixture of higher and foundation tier classes. I have been responsible for organising the various maths challenge competitions that take place since 2020.

My time as Head of Lancaster House

I completed the role of Head of House during the 2022/23 academic year as a maternity cover for Mrs Taylor. In February 2026, I took over the role again, this time on a permanent basis.

My job is to lead the Lancaster tutor team, who oversee our 10 tutor groups, and work closely with various colleagues within Student Services, to ensure that students in Lancaster receive the best possible pastoral care whilst at school. I am ultimately responsible for the safeguarding, wellbeing, attendance and behaviour of the 250 students within the house, as well as creating and maintaining a positive house culture and environment. I always aim to create a positive atmosphere within Lancaster house by focussing on and praising the positive things that students are doing.

I want Lancaster students to be proud of our house and eager to represent Lancaster within the various competitions on offer. To help with this we have two house captains and a student council who are responsible for encouraging students to participate, voice any concerns from students and come up with new and exciting activities and initiatives for the house.

Personal life

As lots of my classes and students in Lancaster will know, I am always happy talking about things outside of school, in the hope that students will see me as a personable member of staff that they can talk to if needed. I live with my wife and daughter, who is called Eloise (who I talk about a lot!). My main hobbies revolve around sport – I play a little bit of football outside of school and have recently taken up running to try and

improve my fitness and wellbeing. I really enjoy cooking - my favourite food is tapas and paella (and salt and vinegar crisps!).