



Simon Hinchcliffe

Headmaster – Bradford Grammar School

Simon started work at Bradford Grammar School in September 2014 as the Deputy Head and became the Headmaster in January 2016. Before that he worked at Wolverhampton Grammar School, starting in 2000, his first teaching job

Simon was born in 1973 in the South Yorkshire coalfields. Educated a short walk from home, first at Lodge Lane Primary School and then Aston Comprehensive School near Rotherham, Simon was the first person in his family to go to University. He obtained a first class honours degree in Geography at Durham University and went on to complete a PhD at the School of Geography and Geosciences, University of St Andrews. His research took him all over Europe and he lectured at The School of Applied Sciences, University of Wolverhampton.

Simon moved into secondary school teaching, and returned to Wolverhampton, after completing a PGCE (teaching qualification) at Moray House, University of Edinburgh, followed later by a Masters qualification in Educational Leadership and Management with the Open University.

Simon’s love of Geography, (people and places), and passion for mountains and climbing has influenced his working life. He has helped to lead youth expeditions in the UK and overseas. He is also a Duke of Edinburgh’s Award assessor and has led award groups. Simon has two young children. He still loves the great outdoors.

As the Headmaster of Bradford Grammar School, Simon understands that he is in a privileged position to help as many young people as possible to reach high and achieve their ambitions. But this is best achieved when schools and civic institutions connect up and work together. Similarly, Simon recognises his responsibility to encourage enthusiastic, well qualified individuals to enter into the hugely rewarding teaching profession.

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