

Stephen Perse

Cambridge

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An opportunity to
collaborate with a leading
Cambridge school

Formerly

perse girls



Welcome

“ Hello and welcome to Stephen Perse Cambridge. Founded in the 19th century, our school has a long history of academic excellence. Based in the city of Cambridge, United Kingdom - where the likes of Sir Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin, Stephen Hawking and Rosalind Franklin have studied - we have aspirations to take our unique Cambridge education international. We have assembled a team of staff and advisors with relevant experience to make this happen, and we hope you are interested in coming on that journey with us. ”



Michael Windmill
Chair of Governors

“ Stephen Perse Cambridge is always looking for opportunities to take our unique academic, extra-curricular and pastoral offerings around the world. We will work with international partners to establish frameworks for successful models overseas, and our team will work seamlessly with partners to deliver high standards and establish accountability. We can work with license and service agreements or franchise models, so please get in touch at principal@stephenperse.com to discuss this further. ”



Richard Girvan
Principal

Our History

Formerly the Perse School for Girls founded in 1881 in Cambridge, United Kingdom, Stephen Perse Cambridge is now fully co-ed throughout its schools, with a broad age range of students from 1-18.

Stephen Perse Cambridge has successful experience of building and maintaining international partnerships, such as through its international boarding services, and hosting the annual Model United Nations in Cambridge, which attracts schools from around the world.

The school has set itself apart by combining academic excellence with exceptional pastoral care for its students, as well as offering a unique and innovative approach to teaching and learning, which prepares our students for their next step to the world's best universities and the world of work.



Pictured left:
Perse School for Girls in 1904.

Cambridge artist Ronald Searle partly based his St. Trinian's cartoons on the school, which was later made into a movie.

Our Strengths

Academic Excellence and Exceptional Outcomes

Stephen Perse Cambridge consistently achieves top results in GCSEs and A levels. Students progress to leading universities, as well as elite conservatoires and art schools. UK destinations include the universities of Oxford and Cambridge (7% of Sixth Form leavers in 2025), Imperial College London, the Russell Group institutions, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, and sought after degree apprenticeships, whilst overseas our students progress to universities including Princeton, Stanford, Toronto, Amsterdam, Sciences Po, Heidelberg and Hong Kong.

71%

2024 GCSEs
graded 9-7 (A*-A)

55%

2024 A levels
graded A*-A

52.9%

2024 GCSEs
graded 8-9

75%

2024 A levels
graded A*-B

Innovation

We have gained a reputation as being technology pioneers with an innovative approach to teaching and learning, being early adopters of iPads, remote learning, and are now transforming our business using AI.

Leadership

Our Oxbridge calibre senior leadership team and governing body have a breadth of skills and experience, with a unique understanding of how to run a set of schools with a wide age range from 1-18, and provide successful transitions for students through each school.

Personal Development

We develop our students to be responsible global citizens, who will go on to make a positive contribution to society.

Our Leadership



PRINCIPAL

Richard Girvan

Richard joined Stephen Perse Cambridge as Principal in August 2020. He was formerly the Surmaster (Head of the Senior School) at St Paul's School in London, a position he held for eight years. Raised in Belfast, Richard read Engineering at St Catharine's College, Cambridge University. He has served as a governor at both King's House School and All Saints' Catholic College, and has been the independent schools' representative on the Richmond and Kingston Local Safeguarding Children's Board.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Heidi Hall

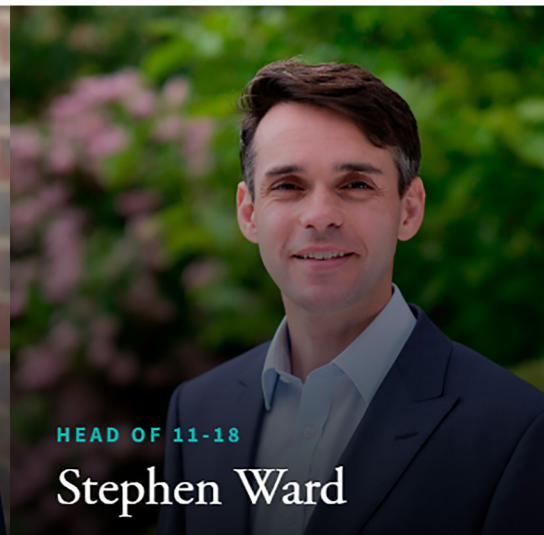
Heidi has led on creative projects including the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain and the BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall. In 2018, she won the Rising Chief Executive Award at the Third Sector Awards.



CHIEF FINANCIAL AND OPERATING
OFFICER

Sarah Bonnett

Sarah read Natural Sciences at Selwyn College, Cambridge University before training as a Chartered Management Accountant whilst working at Procter & Gamble. Sarah joined us from Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge University.

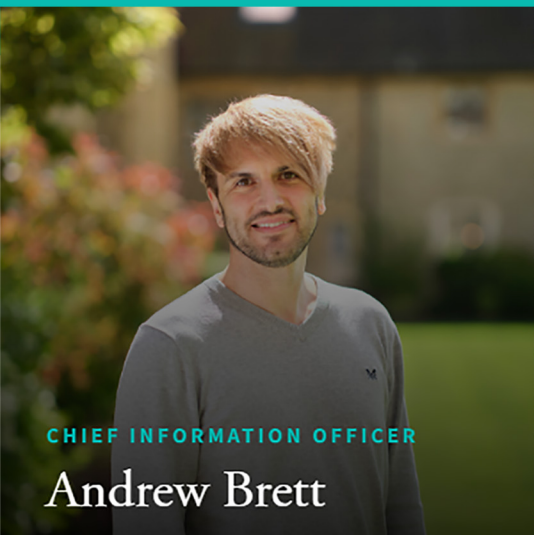


HEAD OF 11-18

Stephen Ward

Stephen holds Masters degrees in both Mathematics and in Mathematics Education from Trinity College, Cambridge University. Stephen has also taught at Cambridge University, and co-authored Mathematics textbooks for A Level and IB.

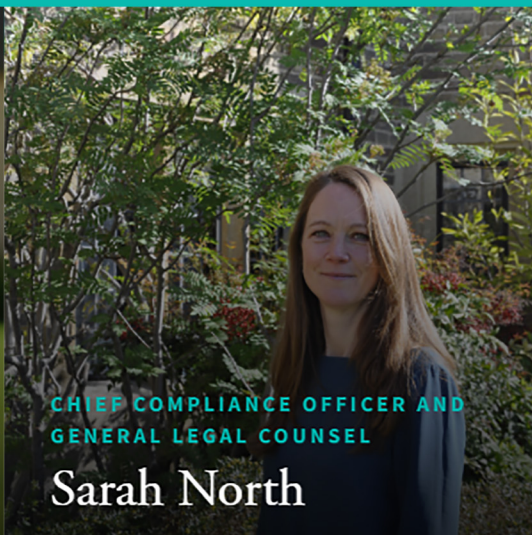
Our Leadership



CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Andrew Brett

Andrew has a first class degree in Business Management. His strategic leadership of IT has gained the school a reputation as a technology innovator, being early adopters of iPads, remote learning and AI. He has vast experience managing new builds, mergers, and complex networks.



CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER AND
GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL

Sarah North

Sarah read French and Italian at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge University. Sarah is a qualified solicitor, specialising in dispute resolution. She spent three years at a leading London law firm before moving to a Cambridge law firm in 2012. She remains a practising solicitor.



SENIOR DEPUTY HEAD 11-18

Abbey Jones

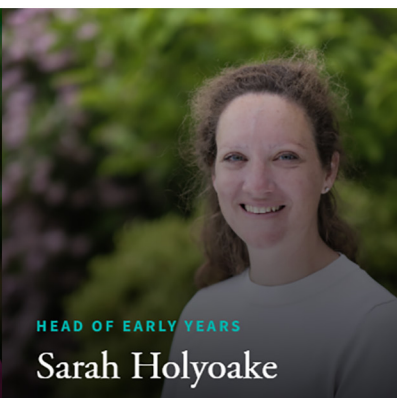
Abbey has both a Classics degree from Warwick University, and a Masters in Education from Clare College, Cambridge University. Abbey joined Stephen Perse Cambridge from Haberdasher's School for Girls in her role as Deputy Head Pastoral.



DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL
STRATEGY

Alice Heywood

Alice studied Maths at Cambridge University. She is a former Head of School and Head of Curriculum across the 3-11 age range.



HEAD OF EARLY YEARS

Sarah Holyoake

Sarah has experience leading Early Years departments in both state and independent schools, and now manages Pre-prep at the school.



HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL
FITZWILLIAM BUILDING

David Hewlett

David has a teaching background in Science and Sport, and has played a key role in shaping the digital learning environment at the school.



HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL
DAME BRADBURY'S

James McCaughran

James is a former Deputy Head at Ipswich Prep School, and Director of Co-Curricular at the Perse Prep School.

Our Governors



CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Mr Michael
Windmill

Michael is an Edinburgh University and Imperial College London alumnus. He is the founder and director of Kaze Consulting, and has a history of delivering high-margin rapid growth strategies.



CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Ms Anna Maria
Clarke

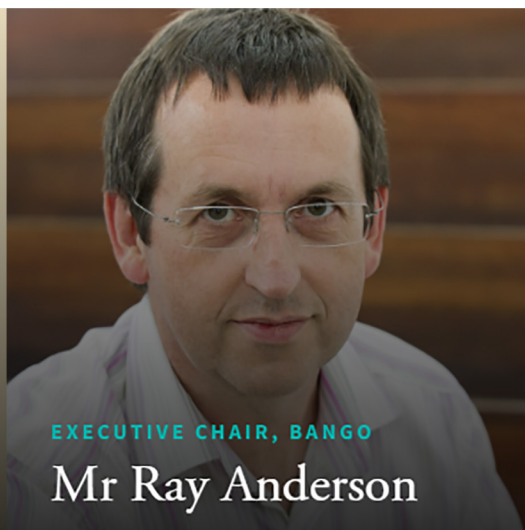
Anna Maria is a Christ Church, Oxford University graduate, who now sits on their Development Board. As COO of King's College Wimbledon, she opened schools in Thailand, China and Monaco.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF BROOKGATE
LIMITED

Mr Sven Töpel

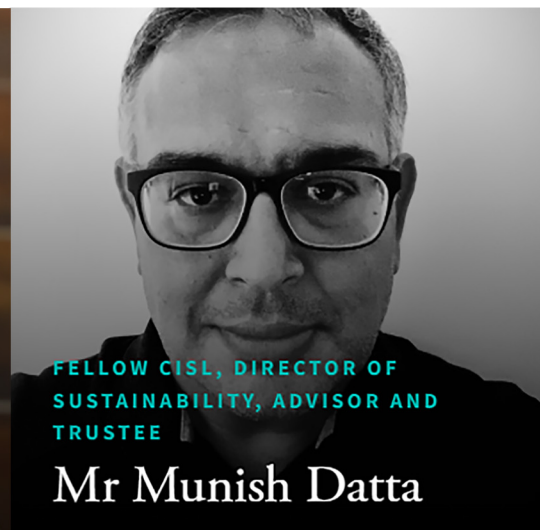
Sven is a Chartered Surveyor and holds an economics degree and an MSc in Estate Management.



EXECUTIVE CHAIR, BANGO

Mr Ray Anderson

Ray is the Executive Chair of tech business Bango plc, and an angel investor. He is a graduate of Gonville & Caius College.

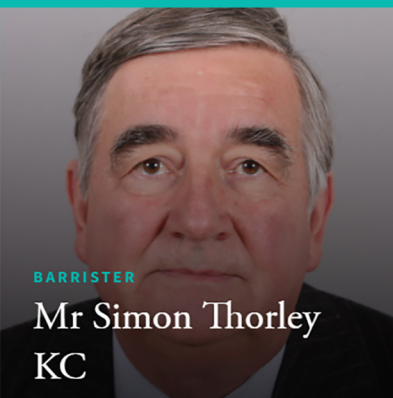


FELLOW CISL, DIRECTOR OF
SUSTAINABILITY, ADVISOR AND
TRUSTEE

Mr Munish Datta

Munish is Sustainability Director at Specsavers and a Cambridge University Fellow. He is helping us become a sustainability leader.

Our Governors



BARRISTER

**Mr Simon Thorley
KC**

Simon is K.C. and an Oxford graduate, who practised as a Barrister specialising in Intellectual Property law.



SENIOR RESEARCH ANALYST

Ms Sara Russo

Sara is a technology expert who works as a Senior Research Analyst at Bernstein.



CO-DIRECTOR, OXFORD
SCHOLASTICA ACADEMY

Ms Lavinia Abell

Lavinia graduated from Cambridge University and now runs an international summer school in Oxford.



SCHOOL HEAD

Mr Richard Brookes

Richard is an Oxford University graduate and Headteacher with experience of mergers.



PAEDIATRICIAN AND PUBLIC
HEALTH SPECIALIST

**Dr Nathaniel
Segaren**

Dr Segaren works in global health as a Paediatrician and Public Health Specialist.



CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

**Mr Graham Day
FCA DChA**

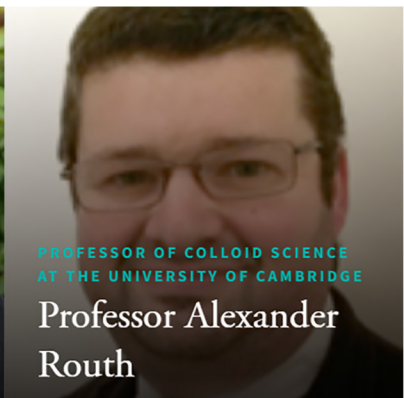
Graham is a consultant at Chater Allan LLP, who specialises in charity accounting and auditing



EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST

**Mr Marwan
Mikdadi**

Marwan is a former Head of Economics and Politics, Senior Deputy Head, and Principal Examiner.



PROFESSOR OF COLLOID SCIENCE
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

**Professor Alexander
Routh**

Alex is a Professor of Colloid Science in Chemical Engineering & Biotechnology.



LEADERSHIP CONSULTANT

Ms Janet Magee

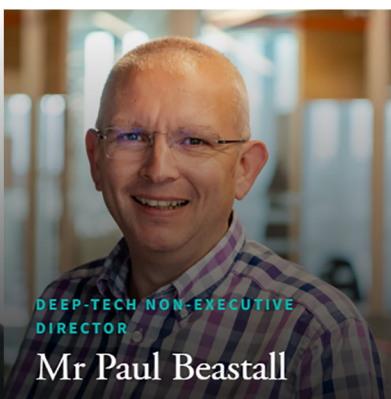
Janet runs a leadership consultancy, and is a former Executive Director at ACS International Schools.



EDUCATION SPECIALIST

Mr Jonny Onions

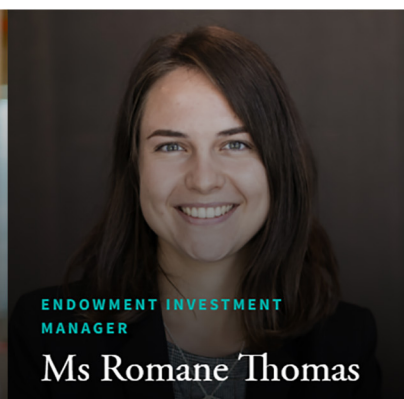
Jonny is a Latin graduate from Durham University, and is Head of Boarding at a prep school in Berkshire.



DEEP-TECH NON-EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

Mr Paul Beastall

Paul is a chartered engineer, who is chair of two Cambridge-based deep tech start-ups.



ENDOWMENT INVESTMENT
MANAGER

Ms Romane Thomas

Romane is the Endowment InVestment Manager at Trinity College, Cambridge University.

Our Students

Dr Imogen Grant MBE

Alumna

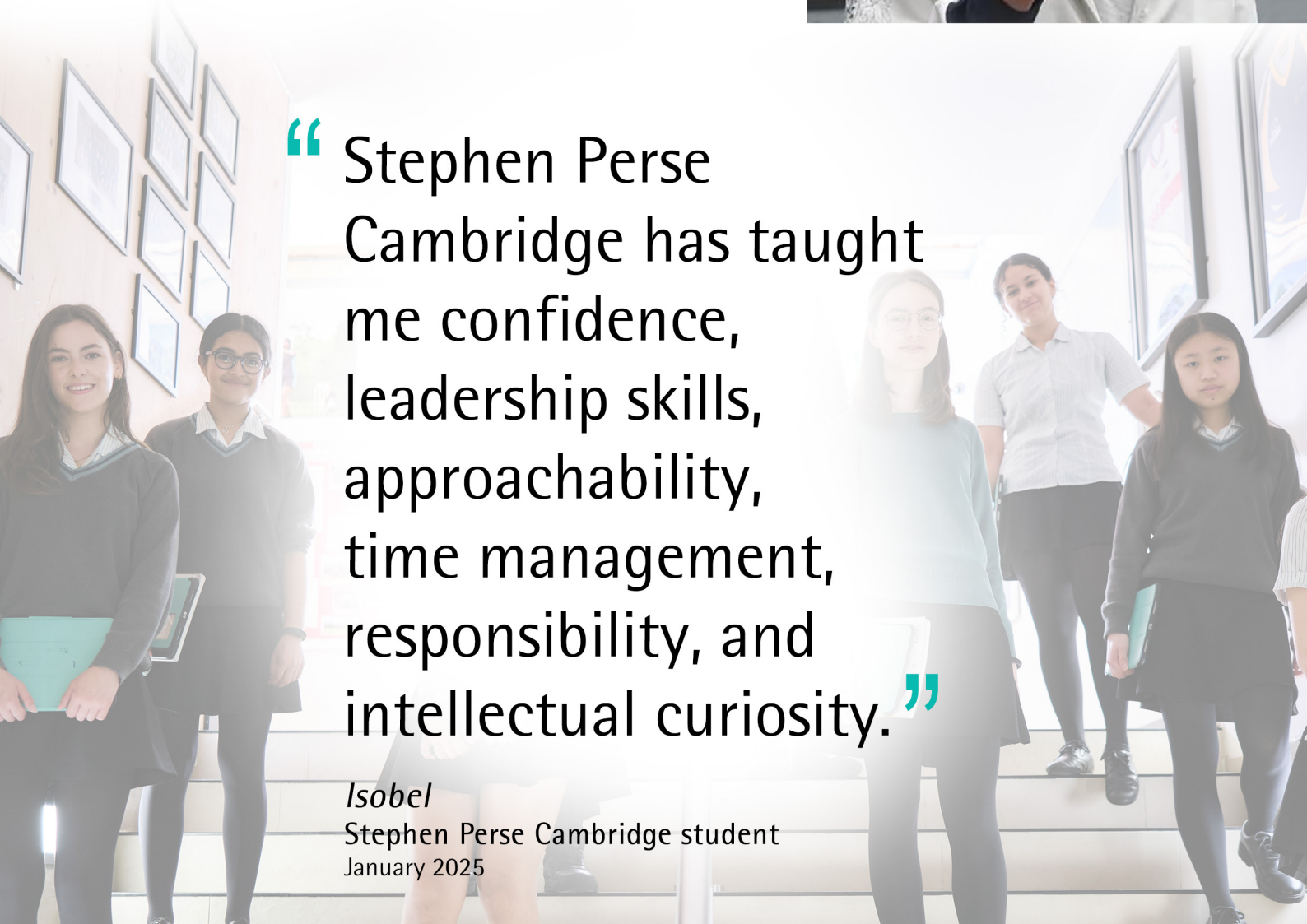
Imogen studied at Stephen Perse Cambridge before graduating as a doctor from Trinity College, Cambridge University. She won a gold medal in the lightweight double sculls rowing at the Paris Olympic Games in 2024. She won the BBC Green Sport Athlete of the year 2024 for her efforts to address climate change.



“ Stephen Perse Cambridge has taught me confidence, leadership skills, approachability, time management, responsibility, and intellectual curiosity. ”

Isobel

Stephen Perse Cambridge student
January 2025



Our Location

King's College
Cambridge University



Cambridge

Railway Station



Stephen Perse Cambridge



Nearest Airport
London Stansted
35 minutes

