



MEET THE HEAD

Mark Loveday, Frewen College, Northiam, East Sussex

What are you most proud of at your school?

I am most proud of our fantastic students and dedicated staff – they inspire me every single day with their enthusiasm, resilience and commitment to learning and personal growth. Our school embraces a unique blend of traditional values and modern approaches, ensuring students are well equipped with the skills they need to succeed in an ever-changing world.

What was your favourite subject at school and why?

My favourite subject at school was geography, and I was incredibly fortunate to have an inspiring teacher who unlocked my passion for the subject.

I have always been fascinated by the processes and systems that shape our world. As a geography teacher, there is nothing I enjoy more than heading out on fieldwork and bringing the subject to life for students.

Why did you want to become a headteacher?

It is incredibly humbling to have the opportunity to be part of, and positively impact, young people's lives. Being able to shape education, support a community and enable everyone to aspire, believe and achieve is both deeply rewarding and a true privilege.

How do you relax outside of school?

I enjoy spending time with friends and family, walking – we have some stunning coastal paths of East Sussex, being on the water – kayaking, powerboats, cycling, or simply relaxing with a good book. I also enjoy visiting historic properties, listening to classical music, and visiting new places.

If you were to become Prime Minister for a day, what's the first thing you would change?

If I were Prime Minister, one of my first actions would be to introduce universal

dyslexia screening across all primary schools. Early identification enables timely and effective intervention, giving children the best possible chance to succeed.

I would also invest significantly in high-quality teacher training, ensuring every educator has the knowledge and tools to support all learners and help build a more inclusive future generation.

What is the most surprising thing about you that people might not know?

Not many people know this, but I could fly an aircraft before I could drive a car.

I actually completed my first solo flight at the age of 17. Flying quickly became a real passion, and I found I picked up the skills quite naturally.

Driving, on the other hand, felt far more like a 'needs must' task and, at the time, it felt considerably more challenging. ●

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WHERE CREATIVITY THRIVES

From ISA success to a new art scholarship, Frewen College nurtures creative potential and celebrates difference

At Frewen College, creativity is not an add-on; it is central to who we are. As the oldest independent dyslexia school in the world, Frewen, in Northiam, near Rye, East Sussex, has spent generations understanding how children who think differently learn best. Nowhere is that understanding more powerfully expressed than in our award-winning art department, where confidence, individuality and creative intelligence are nurtured every day.

Dyslexic students are often highly visual, imaginative, and original thinkers. At Frewen, this is not seen as a challenge to be overcome, but as a strength to be celebrated. Our long-standing expertise in dyslexia has shaped an ethos that values process as much as outcome, encourages risk-taking and recognises that creativity thrives when students feel understood and supported.

At Frewen, art is often a place where academic confidence truly begins. The art department offers a calm, structured and inspiring environment in which students are encouraged to explore a wide range of media and techniques. Drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and mixed media provide the basis for all to achieve.

Lessons are carefully scaffolded, allowing students to build skills step-by-step, while still giving them the freedom to experiment and develop their own artistic style. Small class sizes ensure that teaching is highly personalised, and staff are deeply experienced in supporting dyslexic learners to achieve



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above and below: Frewen College's art department offers a calm and inspiring environment

their best. We are particularly proud to have launched A-level art at Frewen College as part of our wider Sixth Form development. This marks an exciting step forward for older students who wish to pursue their creative talents in greater depth, whether as preparation for art foundation courses, university study, or creative careers. The offer of A-level art reflects both growing demand

from our pupils and the strength of our specialist teaching. Students are encouraged to develop ambitious, independent projects, supported by expert guidance that balances academic rigour with creative freedom.

Recent success at the Independent Schools Association (ISA) London and South East regional finals has further highlighted the quality of work produced at Frewen. Winning awards in such a competitive arena is a significant achievement and a testament to our students' originality, technical skill and creative talent. For many dyslexic learners, public recognition of their creative ability can be transformative, reinforcing self-belief and opening doors to new aspirations.

This year also sees the introduction of the first art scholarship at Frewen College. This exciting initiative recognises outstanding creative potential and signals the importance we place on the arts within our school community. The scholarship is designed to support and challenge talented young artists, offering them the opportunity to flourish within a school that truly understands how they learn best.

As the world's oldest dyslexia school, Frewen College offers something unique: a school where difference is celebrated, creativity is championed, and students are supported to aspire, believe and achieve. ● frewencollege.co.uk





Dyslexia

**Does not define our pupils.
But it does define our school.**



As the UK's first dyslexia school, we embed the most effective evidence-based teaching methods across our whole school to unlock each child's full potential. This means your child can be free to **aspire, believe and achieve.**

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