



H E A D W A Y S

head-ways

noun, plural

Definition: To move forward or make progress, especially when circumstances make this slow or difficult.

Synonyms: Progress, make strides, gain ground, advance, proceed, move, get ahead, come along, take shape

HEADWAYS for Upper School Directors: Teaching and Learning During the High School Years 2018-2019 Schedule and Topics

HEADWAYS for Upper School Directors will be facilitated by Natalie Demers*, Director of Research Initiatives & Programs, NCGS, and will occur at **4:00 p.m. Eastern Time**.

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- ❖ **Tuesday, September 25: *Tapping Into Talent: Faculty Recruitment and Retention***
Topics to consider: structure and organization of staff, hiring process, orientations, faculty meetings, leadership and professional development, evaluations
- ❖ **Tuesday, October 23, 2018: *Advising and Teaching Leadership***
Topics to consider: advisory programs, schedule and structure for advisory time, desired goals/outcomes, key topics, suggested materials/resources/speakers, leadership curricula and programs, opportunities to teach/model leadership throughout the day, week, and year, role of seniors, role of faculty, desired goals/outcomes, how to measure “success”
- ❖ **Thursday, November 15, 2019: *Grading and Assessment***
Topics to consider: high school expectations, assessing project-based and collaborative work, considering effects of assessment on health and wellness, developing rubrics and alternative forms of assessment, peer-to-peer assessment, student-led conferences, creating portfolios
- ❖ **Tuesday, January 29, 2019: *Technology in the Classroom and Beyond***
Topics to consider: integrating technology across the curriculum, providing effective professional development, digital citizenship and online safety, cyberbullying, guidelines for online student behavior in and out of school
- ❖ **Tuesday, February 26, 2019: *Preparing for Next Steps: College and Careers***
Topics to consider: college prep programs and pressures, internship and shadow day programs, balancing academics and extracurricular responsibilities, parent education