



HEADWAYS for Upper School Directors: Teaching and Learning During the High School Years

2019-2020 Schedule and Topics

HEADWAYS for Upper School Directors will be facilitated by Natalie Demers, Director of Research Initiatives & Programs at NCGS. She is the former Associate Head of School and Upper School Director at Kingswood Oxford School, and previously held the positions of Academic Dean, AP and IB Coordinator, and Director of Residential Life at Stoneleigh-Burnham School. Dates and times for the five discussions will be announced in mid-August.

- ❖ ***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
- ❖ ***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”
- ❖ ***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
- ❖ ***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
- ❖ ***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