



Name and qualifications	Dr Richard Robson BA (Hons) PG Dip. PGCE MA EdD
Year joined Westholme	2021
Education	The Sacred Heart School, St Mary's College University of Surrey - BA(Hons), PGCE The Bristol Old Vic Theatre School – Post Graduate Diploma University of Reading - MA in English, Doctorate in Education
Brief career history	Over 10 Years' experience as an ISI Inspector National education committees and national conferences Previously: Headmaster of two 3 – 18 HMC Independent schools; Senior Deputy Head of a 3 – 18 Independent school; Deputy Head Academic of a 3 – 18 Independent School; Head of Performing Arts and English teacher! Before teaching, I was a professional actor, a member of the National Youth Theatre and National Youth Music Theatre.
What attracted you to Westholme?	I've always known about Westholme School; its family ethos, supportive community, wonderful setting and strong reputation. The warmth between the pupils and staff is immediately tangible from the moment you enter the school. I was attracted to the all-round education the school provides. As a school inspector, I have visited many schools and gained a unique perspective of the diverse independent sector. Westholme's unique holistic offering chimed with my own educational philosophy and this balanced approach, educating the whole child, was very much something that I was looking for. When I first arrived at Westholme, I remember just standing in the carpark next to the swimming pool, mesmerized by the breath-taking panoramic view that completely envelops the school. We are so lucky to be situated within the heart of the beautiful Ribble Valley. A Head Boy once described Westholme to me as 'the best of both worlds' providing academic rigour and holistic excellence, inside and outside the classroom. In June 2019, the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) reported that nearly half of all employers found young people were not ready for the world of work. They

	said that broader skills are needed. I firmly believe that these 21 <sup>st</sup> century skills, such as problem-solving, resilience, communication and adaptability, are firmly embedded at Westholme and enable all Westholmians to sustain successful careers in the modern workplace.
Brief description of role in School	Principal