

Headmaster

Dr Millan Sachania

September-December 2026

The Governors of Halliford School have successfully appointed Dr Millan Sachania as Interim Headmaster, effective from September 2026.

Dr Sachania is a serving Governor with over 15 years' association with Halliford School. He brings nearly 25 years' of leadership experience in independent education. Dr Sachania served for over 12 years as Headmaster of two London HMC schools. In these roles, he improved academic outcomes at both schools, securing record levels of attainment at GCSE and A level. Alongside this, he ensured that pupils were well supported in their personal development, with a clear emphasis on helping each pupil to develop confidence, emotional resilience and a strong sense of character. During his headships, he led significant strategic development, including the oversight of multi-million-pound capital projects to enhance teaching facilities and the wider school environment.

For seven years, Dr Sachania served on the UCAS Council, a governance wing of the organisation responsible for managing university applications across the UK. In this role, he represented the interests of independent schools at national level and contributed to policy and strategic decisions affecting university admissions for hundreds of thousands of students each year.

Dr Sachania read Music at Christ's College, Cambridge, where he gained Double First-Class Honours and a doctorate in music history. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, a Freeman of the City of London, and a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Musicians. He serves as a Reporting Inspector for the Independent Schools Inspectorate and has published over 30 critical editions of works by composers such as Stravinsky and Poulenc.

Dr Sachania chaired the Governors' Academic and Staffing Committee until the end of the 2025/2026 academic year, which allowed a smooth, seamless and steady transition for both pupils and staff. He is also a resident in the Shepperton area and is widely respected and very well known in our local community. This will ensure there is an uninterrupted and well-supported transition period for all of the Halliford community.

During this transitional period Dr Sachania will work closely with the Governing Body and the wider community to ensure continuity, stability and the continued high standards of pastoral care and academic excellence that we all expect at Halliford School.



Headmaster

Mr Richard Amlot

From January 2027

Following a very successful recruitment process, the Governors of Halliford School are delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Richard Amlot, who will take up the position of Headmaster in January 2027.

Mr Amlot is currently Deputy Head and Designated Safeguarding Lead at King's College School, Wimbledon, and brings 25 years of experience as an English teacher and school leader across both the maintained and independent sectors. Prior to this, he held a number of senior roles at Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School, including Deputy Head (Pastoral) and Head of Sixth Form. Across his career, he has developed systems to support student wellbeing, progress, and engagement, led significant improvements in teaching and learning, and strengthened university admissions processes.

In addition to his leadership roles, Mr Amlot is a Team Inspector for the Independent Schools Inspectorate and serves as a Governor in both the state and independent sectors. He writes regularly for educational publications and speaks at conferences, contributing to wider professional dialogue about the future of education. A passionate advocate for an education that nurtures identity, purpose, character, and future-ready skills, he brings a clear and thoughtful vision to his work.

Mr Amlot read Theology at Mansfield College, Oxford, before completing his PGCE at Homerton College, Cambridge. He is married to Belita, and they have two children. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, running, theatre, windsurfing and skiing.

He has spoken warmly of the strong sense of community,

the quality of relationships, and the individualised care he observed during his visits to the school. He regards his appointment as a great privilege and very much looks forward to getting to know all students, staff, and parents.

Commenting on his appointment, Mr Amlot said: "It is a tremendous privilege to have been appointed as the next Headmaster of Halliford School. On my visits thus far, I have been inspired by the strong sense of community, the quality of relationships, and the personalised care shown to each student. I greatly look forward to getting to know students, staff and parents in the months ahead, and to leading the school in its next chapter."

Between now and January 2027, Mr Amlot will work closely with the Governing Body, Dr Sachania, our Interim Headmaster, as well as all senior leaders to ensure a smooth transition.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mr James Davies for his outstanding service and commitment over the past nine years. His leadership has helped to shape and strengthen the school, leaving a lasting legacy and firm foundations for the future. We wish him every success and happiness as he moves to take the Headship at Wells Cathedral School.

At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Mr Amlot as our new Headmaster. We look forward to his leadership as he builds on the strong foundations established by Mr Davies. We are confident that the school will go from strength to strength under his direction. Please join us in warmly welcoming Mr Amlot to Halliford School.

