



House Master of Petchell House

Hello, my name is Kevin Cooper and I have been the Housemaster of Petchell House since September 2009. I am married to Hilary Cooper, who is teaching English in the senior school at St James, I will be teaching Geography and I am also hoping to be coaching Rugby. Hilary and I have twin 8-year-old daughters, Rebekah and Naomi, who both attend the prep school.

Before St. James', we ran a boarding house at a school in Hampshire for a number of years. We had about 100 boys and girls(!), so it is great to have a smaller house at St James as this allows us to really get to know the boys well, and develop a real 'family atmosphere'.

I find St James a wonderful place to live and work. We have students here from a wide range of social backgrounds and, at the last count, we had 12 countries and 4 continents represented. Boarding can help children develop independence and a sense of responsibility but I assure you, fun is high on the agenda also as we run regular trips and activities throughout the year