

Ciarán Cunningham-Watson and Family



Ciarán and Zoé Cunningham-Watson came to LVS Ascot in July 2009 from Ardingly College, Haywards Heath. They have taught in a variety of schools and in several locations between them. Zoé started teaching in Nottingham, moving to a couple of schools in Portsmouth before beginning her boarding school experience in Ardingly. Ciarán began his teaching career in Belfast, having completed his MA, and eventually moved over to England, meeting Zoé as a colleague in Portsmouth. The sparks flew and a year after meeting Ciarán proposed; they were married a few months later in October 2005. Saoirse was born two years later in September 2007 and Elliot joined the family in July 2009 – just ten days after moving in to LVS in the summer holiday!

Ardingly College is a boarding school of around 450 pupils in the beautiful West Sussex countryside. Both Ciarán and Zoé worked there for four years; Ciarán as a Teacher of History and Assistant Boarding Housemaster whereas Zoé worked as a Teacher of English and second in department before coming back from maternity leave as a learning support teacher and private tutor. They proved a very successful partnership in 'Mertens' House but it was time for Ciarán to take up the new challenge of running his own boarding House and Guinness proved to be the right move for the whole family.

In their spare time, Ciarán enjoys playing golf, watching sports of various kinds and they both enjoy eating out. Zoé loves going to the races and the beach, taking the children out into the beautiful Ascot area, (particularly Legoland!) and keeping fit.

The whole family have settled in well to LVS Ascot and Guinness House and are very much enjoying their time here. There is a real family atmosphere in Guinness and it is lovely seeing boys of all ages joining together in a range of activities, from Rugby to Band Hero on the Wii. Saoirse is currently practising her karaoke skills in the hope of being female vocalist in the future!

We look forward to seeing you if you decide to come for a visit; please make sure you pop in to say hello.

