

Chris Hinchey became Heathwood Hall's 10th Head of School on July 1, 2015.

Chris joined the Heathwood Hall community in the summer of 2013 as the Upper School Head, after 20+ years as a teacher, administrator, and coach at two boys' boarding schools in New England. He holds a B.S. in Biology from Trinity College, an M.A.L.S. of Science from Wesleyan University, and an M.S.Ed. in Educational Leadership from the University of Pennsylvania.

Chris grew up in Norwich, CT and attended Norwich Free Academy high school, where he played on the varsity basketball and baseball teams for three years, earning all-area honors in basketball his senior year. He also played varsity basketball at Trinity for four years, serving as team captain in 1990-91, and was a proud member of a team (1988-1989) that won the ECAC championship.

Following his graduation from Trinity in 1991, Chris accepted his first teaching job at Avon Old Farms (CT), where he taught Geology, coached basketball and baseball, and served as a dorm parent. In 1994, he began his 19-year tenure at Salisbury School (CT), where he served for 13 years as Dean of Faculty, was head coach of varsity basketball and cross country, and taught Biology, AP Biology, and Human Anatomy and Physiology. At various points during his time at Salisbury, he also served as Dean of Students, Director of Residential Life, and Assistant to the Headmaster for External Affairs.

During his two years as the Upper School Head at Heathwood Hall, Chris focused on strengthening both the advisory system and parent-teacher communication. His work on curriculum included the addition of new English electives, science sequence, and AP History classes.

In his first two years as Heathwood's Head of School, Chris has spearheaded efforts focused in curricular development, fundraising, communications, and athletics. He raised funds to construct a new weight room and tennis courts, and he has raised parent annual fund participation over 20%, and added a program for 2-year-olds. Additionally he recently added a new community-based learning program called Columbia Connections, spearheaded a fundraiser for the Early Childhood playground, and initiated a partnership with EdVenture Children's Museum and Google.

Chris has been married to his wife, Heather Brown Hinchey, for 17 years, and together they are the proud parents of three young boys (Ryan: 13, Jack: 10, and Will: 7) who all attend Heathwood Hall. Chris enjoys reading, exercising, watching basketball, and visiting the shoreline in Rhode Island and South Carolina.