



H E A D W A Y S

head-ways

noun, plural

Definition: To move forward or make progress, especially when circumstances make this slow or difficult.

Synonyms: Progress, make strides, gain ground, advance, proceed, move, get ahead, come along, take shape

HEADWAYS for Middle School Directors: Teaching and Learning during the Magical Middle School Years 2017-2018 Schedule and Topics

HEADWAYS for Middle School Directors will be facilitated by Danielle Heard, NCGS Trustee, Head of School, Nashoba-Brooks School (MA), and will occur on **Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time:**

- ❖ **October 10, 2017: *Modeling and Teaching Leadership***
Topics to consider: leadership curricula and programs; opportunities to teach/model leadership throughout the day, week, and year; role of older students; role of faculty; desired goals/outcomes; how to measure “success”
- ❖ **November 14, 2017: *Grading and Assessment***
Topics to consider: bridging shift from lower school expectations/rubrics to those followed by upper school; assessing project-based/collaborative work; considering effects of assessment on health and wellness; communicating about the role of grades in middle school
- ❖ **January 9, 2018: *Advising Adolescent Girls***
Topics to consider: advisory programs; schedule and structure for advisory time; desired goals/outcomes; key topics; suggested materials/resources/speakers
- ❖ **February 13, 2018: *Marketing the Middle Years***
Topics to consider: value proposition of all-girls middle school; competing in a market with different entry points (5th, 6th, 7th, 9th); relevant research and data; use of social media
- ❖ **April 10, 2018: *Girls Online: Technology in the Classroom and Beyond***
Topics to consider: integrating technology across the curriculum; providing effective PD; digital citizenship and online safety