**Ahead of the Class (2004)**

Based on a true story of how a headmistress (Maria Stubbs) saved the notorious St. George’s School in West London from closure following the murder of headmaster Philip Lawrence at its gates five years earlier.

**Tasks for the film – discussion points in the groups**

1. Ofsted and its representatives - [Ofsted](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ofsted)
2. Class dynamics – the classrooms
3. Teachers
4. Pupils
5. The school – buildings – souroundings
6. Climate – respect – discipline – responsibility
7. Philosophy / policy with the headmistress and the school
8. The staff
9. The headmistress and the deputy head
10. Problems / Themes
11. Joys / pleasures e.g. the May Ball and solidarity