



NewCollaborative
TEACHING SCHOOL ALLIANCE



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School: Kettlethorpe High School
Role: Deputy Headteacher
Specialism: Teaching and Learning, Quality Assurance, English, Literacy
Designation: SLE

Personal Biography:

I have worked in maintained secondary schools across the Wakefield for 24 years. I am currently a deputy headteacher but have had many roles since qualifying including: leading literacy; head of English; senior leadership lead for English, mathematics, science and SEND and also working as an English advisor and school improvement partner for the local authority. I work closely with the headteacher and have been instrumental in improving the quality of teaching and learning at the school and in implementing sound quality assurance systems which challenge under performance but also provide sound support and monitoring. This work was praised in our recent Ofsted inspection (published in January 2017). The school is rated 'good' by Ofsted and has outstanding results in several subject areas.

Improving achievement, engagement and enjoyment for young people is at the heart of everything I work towards as a senior leader. I work closely with middle leaders to further develop our core subjects in order to secure improved outcomes. This has tangible impact especially on the outcomes for English and mathematics and was endorsed by Ofsted.

This was done by developing positive working relationships with middle leaders and using empirical outcomes data to ensure leaders are both reflecting on the current outcomes position as well as thinking strategically into the future. Key to all working has been the absolute fundamental belief that the quality of teaching and learning is the most significant factor in both securing and embedding best practice that impacts positively.

I also lead on teaching and learning across the school, plan and co-deliver our CPD programme and have led a successful teaching and learning group which briefs our staff (over 100 teachers) weekly on best practice and ideas to improve pupils' experiences. This has been part of a well put together plan that has been resourced and invested in by senior staff and governors.

A key role for me, is the line management of English which is also the subject I love and teach to GCSE groups. This involves careful planning and analysis of data and linked intervention but more importantly the delivery of excellent wave 1 teaching in all lessons and ensuring this through professional learning, monitoring and support for teachers.

Alongside my work with colleagues 'in house', I have also experienced providing support at departmental and whole school level for Wakefield Council. I have supported heads of English in raising achievement through high level planning, creating resources, ensuring strong classroom delivery and coaching and mentoring specific teachers. Working with senior colleagues and headteachers, I have also worked on self-evaluation, strategic planning for improvement, monitoring and staff training. I led many training sessions for English staff and teaching and learning leads as part of this work.

I welcome the opportunities working as an SLE will entail and look forward to supporting schools and teachers outside my school once again.