



NewCollaborative
TEACHING SCHOOL ALLIANCE



Karen Sankey

School: Kettlethorpe High School
Role: Team leader Art and Design
Specialism: Fine art, primary and secondary art.
Designation: SLE

Personal Biography:

I am currently team leader for Art and Design and part of the lead practitioners at Kettlethorpe High School, I have been in Secondary education for over 20 years. Previously I taught for three years in a Middle school which gave me a good grounding in being adaptable. My leadership role within my school has enabled me to use my expertise and skills to make a valid and profitable contribution to the whole school ethos. The art department has exceptional results at GCSE that have been recognised by the LEA, nationally and with OFSTED.

For the past ten years I have been the art coordinator employed by the LEA to give art training to Primary GTPs and NQTs. I cover skills, techniques, AFL, teaching and learning strategy and classroom management. I have also been the art secondary specialist for GTP.

In all the leading I have done within school I have created a more collaborative environment. Skills acquired included; goal setting, target setting, improving year performance, dealing with individuals who could be 'barriers to success'; team building through tasks, roles relationships and processes and leading rather than managing.

The development of art within schools should be based on an understanding of skills and techniques, but in a manageable and realistic setting. Pupils should be encouraged to be creative and independent learners. The techniques and strategies that I have employed successfully within my department and within school have been used effectively in other school settings.

I would welcome the opportunity to develop literacy within art. Above all, I would relish the chance to extend my work with other schools and children.