



NewCollaborative
TEACHING SCHOOL ALLIANCE

Sharon Scholes

School: New College Pontefract and New Collaborative Learning Trust

Role: Master Teacher (CAS) Computer Science, trust wide SENCo & Teaching & Learning Leader

Specialism: Assessment, Data Management, Behaviour Management, Computer Science, Teaching & Learning, Mentoring & Coaching

Designation: SLE

Personal Biography:

I have taught in a range of schools from KS2, KS3, KS4 to KS5 with main focus on Computer Science, IT, Maths and Business Studies. I have worked in faith based, independent, selective, national challenge, LEA comprehensive, academy and post 16 sectors.

Previous to teaching I was a member of the SLT at a faith based school as Data Manger and responsible for setting and developing MIS systems for assessment and reporting – which also involved training best practice to other schools in development of MIS systems.

I have been part of New College Pontefract for the last 4 years and was involved in the Ofsted inspection that led to Outstanding in all areas in 2013. I am member of the Creative Digital and Technology School teaching Level 2 IT and Level 3 BTEC IT and A Level ICT programs with outstanding results year on year and delivering ALPS 2 or 3. This has been achieved through the development of independent study skills and online digital resources provision for all students combined with tracking and assessments for progression. As a result of the Ofsted Inspection I was also involved through my Teaching & Learning Leader role in the mentoring and coaching of staff in the department to develop positive behaviour management techniques and skills to improve outcomes. I have also delivered Teaching & Learning CPD pedagogy for outstanding results in college wide sessions.

I am also part of the Maths & Computing School and I have been responsible for the introduction of Computer Science A Level, which has also provided ALPS 3 and 44% high grades with 100% success in the first year of a new linear qualification. I am a Master Teacher of Computer Science (CAS) and gained the college Lead School status within the Network of Teaching Excellence in Computer Science for the past 3 years. I also hold an affiliation with York University as a CAS Teaching & Learning Expert.

I have led and supported local schools with CPD sessions for the introduction of the new Computer Science curriculum and am on the advisory board for a new UTC in relation to Post 16 curriculum in STEM subjects.

More recently I have taken on the role of SENCo for New Collaborative Learning Trust that will span three colleges with focus on strategy, policies and provision with focus in funding negotiations and CPD program development and delivery across the trust. I have completed the SENCo National Award in 2017 and will also qualify to be able to complete Access Arrangement Assessments and Form 8 signoff for JCQ after October 2017.

I believe every student should be able to succeed and achieve through high expectations and structured support and the use of technology to enable the student to access their learning 24/7 – irrespective of key stage or type of sector.