

David Hulme – Geography and Leadership of CPD



David is an Outstanding Middle Leader with responsibility for Geography and Learning Zone at St. James's CE High School. He has also consistently been judged as an 'Outstanding' practitioner. In addition David works within the school as a lead member of the Transforming Learning Team; responsible for CPD development and delivery. He has had a variety and wealth of experience of outreach work as Head of Geography and also has delivered CPD in Alliance Schools. Geography is one of the most popular and successful subjects at St James's in terms of progress and GCSE results of pupils. The last Ofsted inspection (2011) was a particular achievement with all teachers observed in the department being graded 'Outstanding'. Results remain well above national average with 80% achieving A*-C in 2013 and of these, 42% being A* - A.

David also has worked for AQA for the past 7 years in marking GCSE exams. In 2012 he was promoted to the position of team leader, which gives him accountability of 6 examiners. This has given him a keen insight to the requirements of 'passing' GCSE geography.

David's most substantial project to date was mentoring and facilitating improvement in local High School's Geography Department. His areas of impact were working with the Head of Department on the following:

Creating a vision for Department

Creating an inspiring KS3 Curriculum

Standardisation of Controlled Assessment/Mock Exams at KS4

As a system leader, David states that, the biggest 'high' is when you know you have had an impact. Whether this is through direct action or empowering others, knowing that something you have done will trigger improvement makes you want to strive for more.