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Specialist Areas: Secondary English, Assessment, Leadership of the Curriculum, Mentoring/Coaching, Teaching and Learning

Statement

As an experienced Head of a large English faculty I have learnt how to: manage data, multi-task and have honed my skills as a negotiator with staff and students. I enjoy the new opportunities and challenges that each day brings. This is particularly true in teaching at the moment with new specifications and developments in teaching practice needing to be disseminated and discussed within departments and at the same time incorporated into your own teaching and that of others. All with one purpose; improving the outcomes for students. No easy task.

This is the second change in GCSE specifications I have overseen and have learnt that fundamentally students still need the same things, perhaps different texts, a slightly different skills set but the basics remain the same. Being able to support students and staff to achieve their potential is why I became a teacher and then Head of Faculty. I have enjoyed working within my own school and supporting the teacher's I work through mentoring and coaching to overcome problems with difficult classes or individual students; looking at ways to improve exam results or developing a teacher in terms of career progression through discussion.

Working with a UTC last year I was able to extend this support and worked with a wider range of students and teachers, helping them to achieve their potential and ultimately enable and empower them to take the next steps independently. This was achieved over 3 days, with an intensive programme.

Within my role as an SLE I am excited to have this opportunity to work in different schools with new colleagues and students.