

School Improvement Partner Accreditation Programme

Secondary Pen portrait example

I have been headteacher of Sloman School and Community College, Ashshire, since April 1998. Sloman is an 11 to 18 comprehensive school of 1260 students, including a sixth form of 200. We achieved designation as a specialist Sports College in 2004.

We have developed a highly successful comprehensive sixth form and have strong and productive links within a consortium of schools and colleges. Since 1998 we have raised standards, year on year, from 40% 5+ A*-C in 1998 to 61% in 2004. I have maintained academic improvement whilst overseeing substantial premises developments with impressive specialist facilities.

On appointment to my current post I recognised the need for significant cultural change and have worked closely with my leadership team to secure it. Our success was recognised in our recent Ofsted report, "The leadership provided by the headteacher is excellent. ... Since she arrived there has been a culture change and a rapid improvement in standards, organisation and pupils' attitudes".

Other aspects of my work relevant to this role include Ofsted trained inspector, external adviser (CEA) and chair of the local collaborative. I have also acted as mentor to a headteacher whose school was categorised as having serious weaknesses and was seconded to the local authority for a year to lead developments on the 14-19 curriculum.

Prior to my current appointment I was headteacher of Boughey School in Doveshire for six years, and a deputy head and director of sixth form at two schools in Matshire. In all I have 20 years experience in education.

My expertise covers all aspects of school leadership and management. I have a reputation as someone with a clear vision about the future of education, the capacity to ensure delivery, and a strong commitment to improving the quality of learning for young people.