# leadership and the curriculum

deputy and assistant headteachers' conference 2019

FRIDAY, 22 MARCH 2019
THE TOMLINSON CENTRE



## **THE PROGRAMME**

08.45 Arrival and registration

09.15 **Welcome and introduction**Sian Davies, Assistant Director, Hackney Learning Trust

09.20 New thinking about old tools: knowledge in curriculum

Christine Counsell, Director of Education, Inspiration Trust

10.20 Session 1 - Split into phases

Primary - Intent, implementation, and impact: How one primary school designed and delivered a knowledge-rich curriculum. Led by Dr. Danielle Dennis, Associate Professor of Literacy Studies, University of South Florida and Professor in Residency, Cottenham Primary School

Secondary - New thinking about old tools: knowledge in curriculum. Led by Christine Counsell, Director of Education, Inspiration Trust

11.20 Coffee break

11.40 Ofsted curriculum review - the process and outomes

Kate O'Shaughnessy, Director, OSC Education Ltd

12.10 Session 2 - Both primary and secondary phases

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12.45 Lunch

13.30 Session 3 - Split into phases

**Primary - Leadership and teamwork in the eye of the storm.** Led by Mark Denton, Director of Max VMG and Ocean Racing Skipper

Secondary - The new curriculum and the challenge for school leaders. Led by Alasdair McDonald, former Headteacher and Government Adviser

14.30 Coffee break

14.45 **What we do, why we do it, and who we do it for'**Matthew Burton - Headteacher, Thornhill Academy,
Yorkshire

15.30 Closing remarks

## INTRODUCTION

# Welcome to the 2019 deputy and assistant headteacher's conference.

The most recent message from Ofsted is that the new way of working will be to celebrate schools who are able to demonstrate how they know their curriculum is successful. This conference is a time dedicated for leaders to hear a number of speakers on the subject of how the curriculum is fundamental in shaping experiences for pupils and will enable you to consider your curriculum intent, implementation and impact and will challenge you to consider where moral purpose lies in the leadership of this.

#### The conference aims to

- offer a national update on how Ofsted inspectors are preparing for the new framework
- provide ideas and information on developments about the curriculum thinking, knowledge and learning
- provide opportunities to exchange insights on leadership.

## **GUEST** SPEAKERS

## Dr. Danielle Dennis, Associate Professor of Literacy Studies, University of South Florida and Professor-in-Residency, Cottenham Primary School

Dr Danielle Dennis is an associate professor of literacy studies. She serves as the cocoordinator of the Urban Teacher Residency Partnership Program and as program director of the Cambridge (UK) Schools Experience. Her research focuses on literacy assessment, policy, and building teacher capacity. She is currently working with a primary school in Cambridge, England in building a knowledge-rich curriculum and studying the professional development support needed to build capacity across teaching staff and leadership. Dr. Dennis serves on the editorial review board of The Reading Teacher and is an associate editor of School University Partnerships journal.

# Author of-Designing a Knowledge-Rich Curriculum

# **Christine Counsell, Director of Education, Inspiration Trust**

Christine Counsell has been a leading curriculum developer in history for the past decade. She is editor of the influential professional journal for history teachers, Teaching History. She is a leader of the PGCE History course at the Faculty of Education at cambridge University

## Kate O'Shaughnessy- Director at OSC Education Ltd

Kate O'Shaughnessy is an education consultant and academic. She is a Researcher for Ofsted, Teaching Fellow at UCL/IOE and Associate for the London Centre in Leadership and Learning. She works with practitioners across the world on leadership, teaching and learning and curriculum. Kate draws on her background of working as a senior leader, and currently works with a range of schools and MATs in London. She is currently completing her Phd at the IOE, looking at lesson observation and judgement. She has presented her academic work internationally.

## **GUEST** SPEAKERS

# Mark Denton, Director of Max VMG and Ocean Racing Skipper

Get ordinary people to achieve an extraordinary thing in such a highly competitive and constantly changing environment? Sharing this crucial learning as a conference and keynote motivational speaker, and doing that in a really engaging way is Marks' passion, mission and forte, so that others can benefit from his hard-earned learning.

### Sir Alasdair McDonald, former Headteacher and Government Adviser

Alasdair was Headteacher of Morpeth School in Tower Hamlets for 21 years up to August 2013. During that period, attainment at the school rose significantly and OFSTED inspections in both 2007 and 2013 rated Morpeth as Outstanding. The school was featured as one of the 12 schools in the OFSTED publication "Achieving against the odds" as well as being the London Evening Standard's first ever "Most Improved School". In 2003 he was awarded the CBE and in 2009 he was knighted for services to education, both in Tower Hamlets and nationally.

# Matthew Burton, Headteacher at Thornhill Academy, Yorkshire

Matthew Burton, rose to fame in the Channel 4 documentary Educating Yorkshire. He is the newly appointed Headteacher at Thornhill Academy. Matthew has gone on to talk at a number of events and conferences **about the techniques** he uses to motivate those he works with as well as the many stories he has from his time spent at the front of a classroom.

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