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I have been working in the teaching profession for 20 years and I am absolutely committed to developing schools as learning communities where every individual achieves personal excellence to ensure the school is high achieving overall. Effective schools build effective communities. Schools are key to ensuring young people, and their families, receive an outstanding education to make them successful, positive members of the community. Young people deserve the best start in life and a high quality education improves life chances and enables them to achieve their ambitions.

I am incredibly proud to be the first female Headteacher of Upper Batley High School. I am also a Trustee of a charitable trust that works with the local community to raise aspirations and build a better future for our local area. During my time as Headteacher our school has gained national recognition for progress, has won several awards and our GCSE results have increased considerably. Our school is now the first choice for high achieving boys in Kirklees and within just 12 months our school moved from being an Ofsted Grade 4 to being Graded as 'Good' in every area. We are now on our journey to outstanding. Our school numbers have increased significantly and parents highly recommend our school to others.

In 2019, I became a Trustee for the Jo Cox Foundation following the community work we have undertaken in memory of Jo since 2016. Our school works hard to develop community cohesion, mutual respect, celebrate diversity and recognise all that is wonderful about our local community and the people who live and work here, as well as helping to reduce loneliness in our area.

Prior to taking up my headship post I had been a Deputy Headteacher in two very different schools and was a School Improvement Officer in Bradford where I worked across a range of Primary, Secondary and special schools. As well as developing leadership, and teaching and learning, part of my remit was to lead the LA subject provision for Science and NQTs (Newly Qualified Teachers). Results increased during my time there. For four years, I was a National Strategy Science consultant and led training at both a local and national level.

In addition, I am an LLE (Local Leader of Education), accredited by the National College for outstanding leadership in curriculum, CPD and leadership development.

Qualifications - NPQH, LLE, SLE, PGCE & BSc (Hons) Molecular & Cellular Biology.