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My teaching career has spanned over 33 years. During this time, I have taught in five secondary schools within Kirklees and Bradford and held curriculum leadership and senior leadership positions. I have over 20 years experience in senior leadership having been Deputy Headteacher in two schools. More recently, I have taken a phased 'step-down' and I am currently on the Senior Leadership Team of Carlton Bolling School at which I lead on Behaviour and Safeguarding. I am part of a team which has just secured an outstanding OFSTED judgement, having been previously in special measures for Safeguarding.

My first Deputy Headteacher position was secured at Batley Girls' High School (formerly Howden Clough Girls' High School). During my time at Howden Clough I worked closely with the Headteacher and Curriculum Leaders to help secure the reputation of the school within the local community through the development of a range of community cohesion projects and I was instrumental in gaining specialist school status for the Visual Arts. Having left the school shortly after this time to take up a promoted position within Bradford, I took a keen interest in the journey of the school since this time and have seen, from a distance, its progress from strength to strength.

During my time in senior leadership I have gained a vast experience in line managing a variety of curriculum and associate staff teams as well as leading across a wide range of school improvement areas, including curriculum development and timetabling, assessment and data (outcomes and standards), National Challenge improvement strategies, Personal Development and Wellbeing including Safeguarding.

I believe that it is the right of every young person to reach their potential and that educational "achievement" cannot be measured by outcomes alone. Behind every schools' statistics lies a cohort of individuals who are all entitled to educational excellence through supporting and challenging perceptions. This has always been my philosophy and it is why I have often chosen to work in challenging schools because it is here that the young people have the steepest climb. The work which I have undertaken in my current school, where there is significant economic and cultural deprivation, low educational starting-points and a high rate of transience has been underpinned by this drive to secure a future generation of confident, aspirational and well-equipped young people.

I have a strong commitment to the Batley area, being 'born and bred' here. Being a Trustee of BMAT has offered me the opportunity to continue my lifelong links with this area and continue to support the schools in their continuing focus on providing outstanding opportunities to the young people of Batley.

My qualifications include: NPQH, Adv Dip IT, PGCE & BSc (Hons) Combined Science (Physics and Computing).