



*Inspire a generation...*



## **PEN PORTRAIT**

### **Specialist Leader of Education**

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<b>SLE Specialism(s)</b>	<b>Science</b>
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### **Area(s) of Expertise**

Science

KS2 curriculum

### **Current Leadership Responsibilities**

Having led science for the last four years, across two schools I have developed my approach to leadership and management leading with a friendly and positive outlook. I always strive to put pupils at the heart of everything I do, recognising that through inspiring a generation of scientists I will not only develop scientific skills but also support children to become active participants in our world. My passion for science drives me to always grow and develop myself and to share this with others.

Communication is always at the forefront of my support to allow me to fully understand issues. This is three fold. Initially, this involves active listening to identify underlying concerns and issues. Then to articulate these concerns in a sensitive way and, when possible, allow leaders to identify these concerns themselves. Finally, I aim to coach leaders to identify their own solutions, recognising that having ownership over action plans and strategies is likely to be more engaging.

In my teaching role, I have taught across KS2 and am currently LKS2 lead. I am pupil premium champion and Eco Lead, working towards achieving the green flag award. I am also the SEERIH hub network guardian which involves recording sessions and disseminating this information to all participants. I have also organised a moderation group to share best practice and support assessment.

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