

PEN PORTRAIT

Specialist Leader of Education

Name of SLE Rachael Reynolds

School Name St John's Roman Catholic Primary School

SLE Specialism(s) English

Upper Key Stage 2

NQT Mentor

Teaching School Alliance Sacred Heart TSA

Area(s) of Expertise

Rachael is a year 6 teacher working at a primary school which is located in a challenging catchment (EAL 63%, FSM6 57% and ethnic minority groups 85%). As Literacy co-ordinator, Rachael has implemented new ways of teaching reading and writing across the school. These new methods of teaching have improved standards of teaching within Literacy and directly impacted on children's learning by ensuring progress within both reading and writing – this is evident in both the school's tracking system and in the end of key stage results. As Literacy co-ordinator, Rachael leads whole school training sessions, analyses and tracks data, follows and implements monitoring cycles and ensures that expectations of leaders, staff and children remain consistently high. As key stage leader, Rachael has worked with colleagues and leaders to ensure consistency, to set high expectations, accountability and communication across the year groups and has worked with colleagues to ensure a shared standard of planning, differentiation, marking, assessment and presentation.

Current Leadership Responsibilities

- Literacy co-ordinator
- Upper key stage leader
- NQT mentor



