

12TH ANNUAL

SIXTH FORM LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



Keynote Speakers include:

Bill Watkin

Chief Executive, Sixth Form Colleges Association

Sara Russell

Principal, Peter Symonds College

Anton McGrath

Principal, Ashton Sixth Form College

Peter Kennedy

Principal, Franklin College

Marcus Smith-Connor

Vice Principal, Huddersfield New College

Paula Blakemore

Vice Principal, Birkenhead Sixth Form College

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Headteachers, Vice Principals, Deputy Principals
- Deputy and Assistant Headteachers
- Heads, Deputies and Senior Leaders in FE Colleges
- Sixth Form Leaders
- Heads of FE
- Heads of Sixth Form
- Heads of MATs and Trust Alliances

BENEFITS

- Gain approaches to developing a culture of excellence, of high expectations and high aspirations
- Hear from top performing sixth forms on gaining Outstanding in the new, rigorous EIF
- Take away strategies on how to design and develop a challenging curriculum that enables students to achieve and often exceed expectations
- The changing sixth form landscape: find out the latest on the changes
- Student mental health: tackling the biggest challenges facing safeguarding in sixth forms
- Gain strategies on leading change to improve performance
- Explore assessment strategies – are we exploring enough, or too much? What works well to assess accurately with the fully linear A Levels

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**Bill Watkin**

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Deputy Principal, Wyke Sixth Form College

Kam Rogerson

Assistant Principal, Huddersfield New College

Lisa Richards

Deputy Principal, Ashton Sixth Form College

Rob Myatt

Deputy Principal, Birkenhead Sixth Form College

Mark Lucid

Assistant Principal, TLA, Wyke Sixth Form College

Jamie Davies

Vice Principal, Quality and Systems, Wyke Sixth Form College

PROGRAMME**TIME**

Introduction & welcome <i>Julie Peaks Vice Principal, Wyke Sixth Form College</i>	9.50am - 10.00am
Creating and developing a culture of excellence, high aspirations, high achievement <i>Sara Russell Principal, Peter Symonds College</i>	10.00am - 10.45am
MORNING REFRESHMENTS	10.45am - 11.05am
The latest challenges facing sixth forms in the current landscape <i>Bill Watkin Chief Executive, Sixth Form Colleges Association</i>	11.05am - 11.35am
Full linear qualifications: supporting students to exceed their expectations <i>Anton McGrath Principal, Ashton Sixth Form College</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ashton Sixth Form College was awarded 'Outstanding' under the new rigorous EIF Inspections in January 2020. The college has recently also been ranked by DfE as the best college in the borough for student progress for the fourth year running. ● With students sitting fully linear qualifications for the first time, the college has demonstrated that they can support all students to exceed their expectations. This session discusses how this has been achieved. 	11.35am - 12.15pm

BREAKOUT SESSIONS 1

12.15pm – 1.05pm

1A Assessing with confidence in the linear A Levels

- Are we assessing enough/too much?
- What works well?
- A practical session on the principles and practices needed to ensure high quality and accurate assessment

Julie Peaks Deputy Principal,
Wyke Sixth Form College

Mark Lucid Assistant Principal, TLA,
Wyke Sixth Form College

1B High performing staff

- Developing high-performing 6th Form students who achieve excellent results
- Accurately identifying best practice and areas for improvement to sustain high quality provision for all
- Eradicating areas of under-performance swiftly
- Well planned staff development

Lisa Richards Deputy Principal,
Ashton Sixth Form College

1C Student mental health: the biggest challenge facing safeguarding in sixth form colleges

- How to build resilience and help students stop medicalising normal emotions
- The role of the Fitness for Study process verses the Disciplinary process
- Empowering staff by providing in-house Mental Health First Aid training as standard staff development
- The role of a Designated Mental Health Lead in a sixth form

Paula Blakemore Vice Principal,
Birkenhead Sixth Form College

LUNCH

1.05pm – 2.00pm

BREAKOUT SESSIONS 2

2.00pm – 2.50pm

2A Post-16 Ofsted: the impact of the EIF on sixth forms

- Deep Dives
- Data/ data investigations/data relevance
- The increased involvement of Middle Leaders

Richard Ronsley Principal,
Rochdale Sixth Form College

2B Leadership – high performing SLT teams

This session will explore four key principles which underpin high performing teams and the implications that these principles have on the roles, behaviour and expectations of members of the Senior Leadership Team.

Marcus Smith-Connor Vice Principal,
Huddersfield New College

2C What to expect from the reformed BTECs?

In September 2017, Birkenhead Sixth Form College moved all their BTEC courses over to the reformed BTECs with external assessment. Almost 3 years on Rob will share his experiences with these new qualifications ahead of the major move this September including lessons learnt and potential pitfalls to watch out for. He will also share his view on how these qualifications could be changed either further in attempt to safeguard their future.

Rob Myatt Deputy Principal at
Birkenhead Sixth Form College

AFTERNOON TEA & REFRESHMENTS

2.50pm – 3.00pm

BREAKOUT SESSIONS 3

3.00pm – 3.50pm

3A Leading change to improve performance: high expectations

Setting, monitoring and meeting performance targets can form a virtuous cycle of improvement. The session will consider strategies for improving performance, drawing on and integrating processes of appraisal, self-assessment and quality improvement planning.

Peter Kennedy Principal,
Franklin College

3B T Levels, BTEC changes from QCF to RQF & links to careers

This session will briefly outline:

- How we have successfully promoted industry Placements within vocational curriculum areas.
- Strategies to support the vocational curriculum areas with the smooth transition from QCF to RQF.
- How the Careers Department supports the work of Pastoral and Curriculum areas

Kam Rogerson Vice Principal, Curriculum
Huddersfield New College

3C Using the new EIF data recommendations to aid improvement and success

- How to use the data and Deep Dives to aid teaching and learning and enhance outcomes
- How to use department Deep Dives to build a culture of trust and transparency

Jamie Davies Assistant Principal,
Wyke Sixth Form College



"Inspirational, life and career affirming! I really enjoyed attending a conference that tells a story of progress rather than data, data, data!"

Head of Sixth Form,
Thomas Alleyne Academy

"I felt really empowered after this conference - gave me practical strategies I can take away and immediately apply."

Assistant Head,
Wallington High School for Girls

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Keynote Speakers

Bill Watkin is Chief Executive of the Sixth Form Colleges Association and leads and oversees the work of the team and ensures that SFCA supports, champions and strengthens all members through his dealings with government, media, trade unions and other stakeholders.

Anton McGrath is the CEO of Stamford Park Trust and Principal of Ashton Sixth Form College. He joined Ashton Sixth Form College in 2016, and following an inspection in January 2020, the college was judged as 'Outstanding' in all areas by Ofsted.

Sara Russell was appointed as the Principal and Chief Executive of the College in 2018, having previously served as the Principal at Alton College. In February 2020 Peter Symonds College celebrated the result of recent Ofsted inspection, which reconfirms the College's status as an 'outstanding' provider, a grade the College has now maintained for an incredible 13 years. In addition to her role at Symonds, Sara is a member of three Association of Colleges National Policy and Delivery Groups, where she contributes to the national debate on issues within the education sector.

Richard Ronsley is an experienced leader, manager, and teacher with a track-record senior roles in colleges. More recently he worked for Ofsted as one of her Majesty's Inspectors which gave him an insight into the workings of Ofsted and good practice in a wide range of colleges.

Peter Kennedy has been Principal at Franklin Sixth Form College in Grimsby for two years, securing an improved Ofsted grade to good in 2018. Previously, as Deputy Principal at Huddersfield New College for 8 years, he led the college inspection preparation to an outstanding award in all criteria in 2016. He Chairs the Sixth Form Colleges' Association Vocational Network and is a member of the Funding Policy Committee. A keen biologist, Peter co-authored the 2015 A level specification and text books. His Masters research focussed on quality cycles and integrated quality improvement planning.

Paula Blakemore has responsibility for safeguarding, learning support and new student admissions. She is also the College lead on HR and staff development. Rated as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, Birkenhead Sixth Form College is the leading provider of A Level and BTEC courses for 16-18 year olds in the area. The College was named 'Sixth Form College of the Year 2018' by the TES Further Education Awards, the most prestigious accolades in education.

Julie Peaks is Deputy Principal (Curriculum) at Wyke Sixth Form College. Wyke Sixth Form College is the largest A-level provider in the city and has a broad range of courses to match student interests, ambitions and ability.

Marcus Smith-Connor is Vice Principal, Curriculum and Quality, Huddersfield New College. The College was voted the TES Sixth Form College of the Year 2019 and one of the best Sixth Form Colleges in the country for the grades the students achieve. Also in 2019 the College Principal Angela Williams OBE, was named UK Leader of the Year 2019.

Kam Rogerson's responsibility is to ensure students have access to a high standard of vocational courses. She works closely with a large team to enhance students' employability prospects by providing extensive and appropriate work experience.

Lisa Richards is the Deputy Principal at Ashton Sixth Form College. Following an inspection in January 2020, the College was judged as 'Outstanding' in all areas by Ofsted.

Rob Myatt is the Deputy Principal at Birkenhead Sixth Form College. The college were graded outstanding in all areas in December 2016 and have won numerous national awards. These include TES Sixth Form College of Year in 2018 and more recently an Association of Colleges Beacon Award for Social Mobility. Rob has overseen the successful implementation of the reformed BTECs in terms of overcoming logistical challenges and also maintaining excellent student outcomes with over two thirds of entries being a distinction or distinction* grade.

Mark Lucid is Assistant Principal at Wyke Sixth Form College and is responsible for overseeing all of the TLA at the college at Wyke as well as the Marketing and Liaison and Enrichment. Mark was the Head of Faculty when the College's Sport and PE team won the Pearson's National teaching team of the year (2019) Wyke Sixth Form College is the largest A-level provider in the city of Hull and is the 5th best college in the Country on progress measures. Wyke has a broad range of courses to match student interests, ambitions and ability.

Jamie Davies is Wyke's Vice Principal whose remit is Quality and systems. Jamie has a proven record of success and works closely with curriculum staff to ensure Wyke's quality systems are thorough and robust. Jamie is the Ofsted quality nominee and been involved in lots of Ofsted training including Deep Dives. Wyke Sixth Form College is the largest A-level provider in the city of Hull and is the 5th best college in the Country on progress measures. Wyke has a broad range of courses to match student interests, ambitions and ability.