

## Specialist Leader Of Education Profile



Cara McLaughlin

### **Background Experience**

I have 16 years of teaching experience specialising in physical, education specifically dance and curriculum development through my previous role as Faculty Director of Technology and Arts.

I am currently Lead Practitioner in Dance for Windsor Academy Trust and was Faculty Director of Technology and Arts for 5 years (September 2013-2018). Prior to this, I was Faculty Director of Expressive Arts for 4 years (2009 - 2013).

I have also been Curriculum Leader of Dance in two Schools.

As part of my role I have led borough wide dance festivals, International Dance Tours and Exchanges, been Creative Director of The National School Games Opening/Closing Ceremonies for Youth Sports Trust, delivered and Youth Sports Trust's National Sports College Conference on several occasions and been a Lead Practitioner in Dance for Youth Sports Trust developing teachers in dance and PE across the country.

I have worked outside my own school with other practitioners in several different capacities. I have undertaken staff training, led at National Conferences, moderated the practical GCSE Dance course in a variety of secondary schools across the region and more recently as part of my new role as Lead Practitioner in Dance for the trust I have taught and led events in the seven schools in the Windsor Academy Trust.

I am motivated in my role as I feel it is vital to unlock the personal potential of each and every student through developing teachers.

## Areas of Expertise

### Physical Education (Dance) and Curriculum

I have been involved in training and motivating staff via my role as Faculty Director and more recently by leading staff from across Windsor Academy Trust within the curriculum and through bespoke arts projects.

I have led the Faculty of Technology and Arts to develop and embed the mastery and bridging curriculum at Windsor High School and Sixth Form across KS3. I have also enabled staff to develop a high quality curriculum at KS4&five maintaining or improving outcomes for a wide range of students across six subject areas.

## Home School

