



Chris Fletcher - Head of Blueprint Alliance/SCITT Director

Chris is a qualified teacher having taught Science across all three disciplines to GCSE and Physics to A Level.

Prior to entering education, Chris was the Operations Director of an international process engineering company delivering turnkey projects predominantly to the food, textile and packaging sectors. Following a PGCE from the University of Nottingham and the award of Qualified Teacher Status in 2006, Chris commenced teaching in schools in Grimsby, becoming a lead teacher with a focus on the development of teaching and learning. Chris has had experience as Head of Department for both Science and Design and Technology before joining Sirius Academy in 2010 as a lead teacher with responsibility for the Environmental Science Specialism.

Chris was assessed and accredited as an Advanced Skills Teacher (AST) in 2012 and contributed to the further development of teaching and learning across the academy. He was appointed Head of Blueprint Alliance Teaching School upon its formation and developed its programme of training, staff development and research. Chris led on the successful Sirius application for accreditation as a SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training) provider and assumed the role of SCITT Director upon its formation. It is in this role which he has led the SCITT through its initial Ofsted inspection with a "Good" outcome. Further developments have included the accreditation as an apprenticeship provider and the formation of additional entities to supplement the existing provision including National Online Teacher Training and securing contracts to provide training in for external partners such as the Department for Education, The National STEM Centre, Best Practice Network and the Institute of Physics.

Chris has extensive experience of designing and delivering training covering a wide range of subject content such as Coaching and Mentoring, Science subject training, the National Professional Qualification (NPQ) suite of awards, and Behaviour Support. He also works with external agencies to complete statutory duties such as Newly Qualified Teacher induction for the Trust. As a Local Leader of Education (LLE) has led on School to School support under contract to enable schools to improve, including supporting schools to successfully move to improved Ofsted outcomes.

Chris is passionate about the development of quality teaching and learning leading to improved outcomes for all pupils. Following on from his first degree, Chris undertook a Master's in Education postgraduate degree and has successfully been appointed as an Ofsted Inspector.

In his spare time, Chris enjoys working on his Smallholding, comprising sheep, pigs and poultry, riding his motorbike and rural pursuits.