

English – Kara Bayley

Kara is Director of Literacy at a comprehensive school un Accrington, with responsibility for leadership of the English Department as well as whole school literacy. She has 14 years teaching experience, including two years in the US, and has been a Head of English for 7 years, across KS3, KS4 and KS5. She is also part of a team of Teaching and Learning Coordinators at her current school, who are responsible for quality assurance of Teaching and Learning across the school.

Kara has recently established an English network for schools in the area which meets half termly. Through this group Kara is sharing her experience as an English Language examiner in Eduqas and is facilitating the sharing of good practice

As a SLE Kara is able to support with:

- developing a team ethos in a successful English department
- coaching and mentoring teachers to improve their practice and increase their confidence
- Developing subject-specific CPD
- Preparing students for the new GCSE and A-Level specifications.
- Identifying underperformance and implementing intervention strategies.
- Writing SoW and assessments.
- Dealing with 'life without levels' at KS3.
- Identifying areas for development and implementing a meaningful Departmental Development Plan.