

Be Ofsted ready – now and next year

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BIOG/SESSION SYNOPSIS

Ofsted inspections and myths

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Sean Harford became National Director, Education in September 2015. Sean was appointed Her Majesty's Inspector in 2003. Since joining Ofsted he has worked in school improvement, school inspection policy and organisational restructuring. His previous post in Ofsted was National Director, Schools.

Before joining Ofsted, Sean was a teacher and a successful senior leader in a secondary school in the East of England, as well as associate adviser for a local authority.

Sean will be myth-busting and updating on any work Ofsted is currently doing

Achieving Good – Our Ofsted experience

Aimee Mitchell

Headteacher, ISCA Academy, Exeter

As a newly appointed Headteacher arriving in January 2016 and an impending inspection later that year, this session explores the journey of the Academy, its staff, students and community to achieving Good in October 2016. It will explore the importance of creating a positive culture, improving staff morale and having high aspirations to raise standards and that by doing this day in and day out, you will ultimately 'be prepared' for Ofsted no matter when the call comes!

Surviving a Section 8 Inspection after a period of turbulence

Chris Gabbett

Principal, Trinity Catholic School

Working with inspectors to prove that your school remains 'Good', despite all the reasons that you fear it may not be.

Chris Gabbett shares his recent experience of a Section 8 Inspection, talking through the experience of working alongside inspectors rather than against them, what went well, what inspectors did, how staff and students were involved and how the school's own data and self evaluation was used during the inspection.

Trinity had undergone significant turbulence and challenge, was facing a significant deficit budget, had experienced variable results and the disadvantaged gap was wide. Despite this, inspectors praised leadership, governance and the 'moral purpose' of the school – in what was anything other than a data driven inspection.

The 1,3,1 inspection profile within an 18 month timeframe

Peter Beighton

Principal, Branston Community Academy

The presentation describes the story behind the unusual category '1' to '3' and then '3' back to '1' inspection judgements in an 18 month timeframe. It also reflects on the inspection process itself and preparations made by the school that, with hindsight, were sensible choices.