

Leading Inclusion and SEND in mainstream secondary schools

Date: Thursday 26th February 2026

School: Beaumont Leys School

Event one:

- Leading SEND and inclusion in a mainstream school – the importance of context
- Leading a graduated approach to SEMH
- Making the SENCO role a great job
- Clearing a path to inclusive practice

Led by

- Dawn Parkinson (Headteacher, Beaumont Leys School)
- Sam Middleton (SENCO, Beaumont Leys School)
- Dr Dan Belcher (Senior Education Lead SSAT)
- Margaret Mulholland, (Send & Inclusion Policy Specialist, ASCL)

Agenda

09.00	Arrival, registration & refreshments
09.15	SSAT Welcome and introductions – aims
09:35	Session 1A: vision, values and practice at Beaumont Leys School Session 1B: SEND and Inclusion at Beaumont Leys School
10:20	Refreshments
10:40	Tour of the school (focused on SEND)
11:20	Feedback and questions from tour
11:30	Session 2: SEMH graduated response and strategies
12:00	Comfort break
12:10	Session 3: Leading the orchestra (SENCO not SENDO): Making the SENCO role a great job
12.40	Lunch
13.15	Keynote – Margaret Mulholland, Clearing a path to effective inclusive practice
14.00	Session 4: Managing SEND in the classroom
14.30	Session 5: Speed-networking and practice sharing
15.00	Session 6: Open questions / Panel
15.15	Plenary
15.30	Event close