



David Michael McKeown

TEACHER-LEADER

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I have been recognised as an outstanding educational practitioner who creates an engaging and growth focused learning environment that is respectful and supportive for all. I use diverse teaching methods to enhance the development of students and colleagues and am adept in using innovative learning approaches. I have expertise in leading on raising standards of teaching and learning and in developing others positively in order to implement continuous improvement processes. I aim to be an inspiring and passionate education leader who demonstrates integrity, energy, motivation and dedication.

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TRAINING AND AWARDS

- Successful CIS Boarding School Accreditation 2020
- Successfully completed M.Ed. (with distinction) incorporating 'Principles of Leadership and Management', 'Advanced Professional Practice', 'Evidence Based Practice' and 'Developing Leadership Capacity'. My dissertation focussed on 'Applying 21stC leadership practice within International School Education'. It was also awarded a distinction.
- GEMS Professional Trainer and Leadership Programme Assessor 2018
- Awarded GEMS Outstanding Network Leader 2014.
- Assessment & Teaching of 21stC Skills – University of Melbourne 2014.
- GEMS Education – Certificate of Leadership Impact & Train the Trainer Qualification 2013.
- GEMS Education 'Establishing Leadership' training programme 2013 – Including; Leadership Styles, Strategic Leadership, Enquiry-Led Learning & Creative Curriculum.
- GEMS Education 'Developing Leadership' training programme 2012 – Including; Leadership with Impact, Empowering Leaders, Strategic Planning & Embedding Accountability.
- GEMS Accredited CPD Associate, providing bespoke training for the GEMS network of schools including programme delivery for aspiring school leaders.
- Involvement in multiple GEMS School Review Teams, providing inspection and school improvement feedback.
- Involvement in teacher coaching and mentoring school wide.
- Inclusion, Recruitment and Boarding School Management CPD training undertaken in the UK.

EDUCATION

M.Ed. (with distinction)
University of Derby 2012 – 2015

PGCE with QTS
University of Southampton 97-98

2:1 BSc Hons in Education and
Sport Science
University of Southampton 94-97

EXPERTISE

Developing Professional Learning
Networks

Teacher/Leader Development

Pastoral Care

Risk Management

IT Applications

Timetabling

Public Speaking

Strategic Planning

Team Player

CPD Delivery

Student/Staff Wellbeing

EXPERIENCE

August 2019-Present – Senior Management Team member and Head of Boarding at Swiss International School Dubai, UAE. Leadership of Boarding, achieved CIS accreditation, BSA Membership, doubling of boarding numbers on roll and associated increase in staffing, policy and handbook development and enhancement, leadership opportunities for boarders, extensive trips and pastoral care programmes developed, outstanding teaching identified by KHDA (UAE version of Ofsted). <https://sisd.ae>

Oct 2010-August 2019 - Head of Department. GEMS Professional Learning Networks Leader. Pastoral/Wellbeing Leader. GEMS School Review Team Associate. Teacher Coach. GEMS PD Associate; Wellington School, Dubai. Departmental leadership and leader of GEMS Professional Learning Networks. As part of GEMS school review teams, presented schools with recommendations for improvement and self-evaluation. Implemented teaching, learning and leadership research school wide. Co-ordinated, delivered, evaluated and developed CPD opportunities across the group. Whole school (all subjects) timetabling and resourcing. Involvement in recruitment and interviewing, parental engagement and teacher coaching. Planned and delivered demonstration lessons for UAE schools. Mentored NQT's, inexperienced teachers and Arabic & Islamic staff, monitoring, evaluating and providing support. Leadership and VGF (GEMS Charity arm) team member. <http://www.gemswps.com/home.php>



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TECHNICAL SKILLS

Microsoft Office Suite

Adobe Photoshop

Apple iMovie

Prezi

Google Forms

Social Media Marketing

IT Systems and Network

construction

ISAMS

EXTRA

First Aid and NRASTC Swim Rescue
Trained

TEFL/TESL Award

Diploma – Sport Psychology

Advanced Level Skier and Scuba Diver

Athletics, Football, Rugby, Swimming,
Cricket, Tennis, Gymnastics and
Hockey Awards

Spinal Board Rescue Trained

Developed risk assessments and
operating procedures for use
company-wide across 51 GEMS
Education schools.

INTERESTS

Outdoor Pursuits

Fitness

Education Research

Travelling

Reading

EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

Sept 2008-October 2010 – Senior Leader, Boarding Housemaster & Director of Sport; Handcross Park School, West Sussex, UK. Departmental leadership, UK & overseas expedition leadership. Leadership and development of an expanding International Boarding House. Enabled successful annual inspection outcomes, ensuring that child protection policy and Boarding Schools Association (BSA) standards were met. Management of gap year, catering and medical staff within the boarding house team. <http://www.handcrossparkschool.co.uk>

Sept 2006-Aug 2008 – Pastoral Deputy Headmaster, Head of ICT, PSHE & Physical Education; Pownall Hall School, Cheshire, UK. Supported school improvement strategy and policy. Managed and led school events and assemblies, duty rotas, staff absence cover, behaviour & pastoral care. Leadership of ICT, PSHE & Physical Education departments. Whole school timetabling, leading prospective parental tours, interviewing & recruitment. In charge of whole school resource purchasing. Health & safety committee leader. <http://pownallhallschool.co.uk/>

Sept 2002-Aug 2006 - Director of Sport, Science, ICT & PSHE Teacher. ECA Manager. Boarding Housemaster; Bishopsgate School, Surrey, UK. Leadership of whole school Physical Education, fixtures and student leadership programme. Member of SLT. IAPS UK National Athletics co-ordinator. Managed whole school ECA programme. Classroom teaching across multiple departments. <http://www.bishopsgate-school.co.uk>

Sept 1998-Aug2002 - Director of Sport, Head of Activities (ECA); Davenies School, Bucks, UK. Departmental leadership. Secured funding and sponsorship from businesses. Introduced, developed and operated a highly successful senior outdoor education programme. ECA and leavers programme leader and manager. Set up and managed an independent holiday sports company (Davenies Sports) catering for over 200 children each week during holidays. <http://www.davenies.co.uk>

REFERENCES

Mr Luke Osborne
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