

National Teaching School

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Blackburn The Redeemer Church of England School and Wensley Fold Church of England Academy have been Awarded Joint Teaching School Status

Charlie Taylor - Chief Executive, National College for Teaching and Leadership talking about the role of teaching schools says:

“These are the schools that will blaze a trail towards a school-led system. They are the ones who will make school direct a success, transform CPD, create robust systems of school to school support and grow the best leaders. It is in these schools and their leaders that I have faith to change fundamentally, forever. Teaching schools are about what is possible

Blackburn The Redeemer School and Wensley Fold Academy, should be very proud of this achievement. The school has been recognised as a centre of excellence in its area, with an outstanding performance and a track record of raising standards through supporting other schools.”

Blackburn The Redeemer School has been designated jointly with Wensley Fold Church of England Academy as a National Teaching School from September 2014.

Introduced in 2011, National Teaching Schools are all rated as “outstanding”. There are around 500 Teaching Schools across the country and they take a lead role in recruiting and training new entrants to the profession, identifying and developing leadership potential in schools and providing support for other schools.

Blackburn The Redeemer School was one of only 60 schools in England to be granted teaching school status in the latest round of allocations.

The mission of our network of schools and partners supporting our teaching school alliance is to raise standards through school-to-school support, engage

in research and development, and to ensure that the most talented school leaders are spotted and supported to become successful headteachers.

The Redeemer School Headteacher Alison Ashworth-Taylor said: “We are delighted to be designated as a National Teaching School – to a large extent it is in recognition of the hard work of staff at both schools to support other schools, particularly in leadership development and also through our significant role in Teacher Training. As schools we have always maintained an outward-facing and collaborative approach to many parts of school life. We hope to build our alliance of partner schools even further to support school improvement in Blackburn With Darwen . If schools would like to be involved or to find out more information please get in touch.”

More broadly as a newly designated teaching school we hope to build our alliance of partner schools even further to support school improvement in the region. If schools and other educational partners would like to be involved and help shape our future plans - or just to find out more information about what we do, please get in touch.

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