

Pupil Premium Select Committee

Biography

Tony Doran

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Tony is an experienced Senior Leader within education with a drive and passion in tackling disadvantage and underachievement. The past 15 years has been mostly spent within inner city and urban secondary schools in challenging situations, developing pastoral systems to support and engage all students in learning. Between 2003 and 2009 Tony developed, implemented and evolved his Attitudes to Learning System, which received national recognition in 2007. This later led to a secondment into the Prime Ministers Delivery Unit as a consultant behaviour expert, during their 2008/9 National Behaviour Review.

The 2009/10 academic year was spent as a Behaviour and Attendance Adviser for the South East of England within The National Strategies which included significant work with the Narrowing the Gap Team. This offered Tony a unique opportunity to see local and national issues and effective practice. Since joining Kent County Council as its first Head teacher for its Virtual School, Kent's children in care have seen significant improvements in all key academic indicators that improve their life chances. These experiences have solidified a real optimism that through an effective multi agency, strategically co-ordinated approach we can break down barriers that our most vulnerable children face. Together it is our duty to facilitate better outcomes for children in care.