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Following a first career which saw Sarah based both in New York and London, leading challenging local and global projects in the marketing and communications sector, Sarah's second career took her back into education, where she had started out as an unqualified teacher straight out of university.

Sarah joined Highgate School in February 2014 to coordinate the extensive programme of partnership teaching called Chrysalis. Now in its second decade, Chrysalis provides year-round engaging educational opportunities to pupils in fifty schools across the London area and includes the Chrysalis Summer School which continues to grow in popularity every year. In addition to Sarah, the programme employs a full-time coordinator, as well as two former pupils of Highgate and three former pupils of Chrysalis partner schools, who work as Chrysalis Fellows. The Chrysalis Fellows work as specialist teaching assistants alongside the equivalent of four full-time members of Highgate's teaching staff, who have timetabled allocations to devote to their partnership work, predominantly in the STEM subjects.

Highgate is the lead educational sponsor of a state sixth form called The London Academy of Excellence, Tottenham (LAET) which opened in September 2017. Highgate seconds the equivalent of six full-time members of staff to LAET which provides a robust, academic sixth form to pupils in Haringey and neighbouring boroughs. It follows in the footsteps of its very successful sister school The London Academy of Excellence, Stratford, voted 'Best Sixth Form in the Country' by The Sunday Times and now in its seventh year. Highgate has been systematically expanding its partnership work in order to provide more opportunities for London's young people to pursue academic excellence which will culminate in increased access to the best universities and most competitive employers. Highgate was recently short-listed for the TES Independent School Awards 2020 for Independent-State School Partnership of the Year for its work with LAET and Chrysalis and currently holds the following two awards: Independent School of the Year for Community Outreach and Independent School of the Year for Contribution to Social Mobility, as well as winning the overall Independent School of the Year award.

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