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Sean is the son of a coalminer, from Ashington in Northumberland. Being the first in his family to access university, he is passionate about social mobility and the power of education. Having established a professional development office at Reigate Grammar School in 2010, his primary focus has been increasing access to children from poor and disadvantaged backgrounds. He is the architect behind the award-winning Changing Lives social mobility campaign which he launched in 2014 and has risen over £10m and has supported over 60 children. Recently, during this pandemic and built upon a diverse community action plan, he launched the Nightingale Fund to sponsor children from low paid NHS and key worker families as well as opportunities for those wishing to study medical sciences through a sixth form place. For September 2021 there will be 10 Nightingale Scholars attending Reigate Grammar School via this scheme. A Trustee of the IDPE from 2016-19, he believes strongly that every UK independent school has a moral responsibility to open wider access to children from deprived backgrounds.

