

Chanel Noel

Director of Community Partnerships & Strategic Inclusion Lead

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Chanel works as Highgate School as Director of Community Partnerships (a role that includes a 1-day per week secondment to London Academy of Excellence Tottenham), and Strategic inclusion Lead. Her professional career started through the Teach First graduate teaching programme, in the initial 6 years of her teaching career she had the privilege of working in three (state) schools in Birmingham, and London (Lewisham and Hackney) as a secondary teacher of religious studies and eventually head of religious education and head of PHSCE.

Chanel then moved to the third sector working initially in a leading national interfaith charity as education and learning manager- leading programmes and training focused on improving belonging, cohesion, and sharing between Britain's diverse faith and belief communities. She then moved to charities focusing on social mobility, careers and employability skills, and national programmes and initiatives addressing socio-economic and race/ethnicity disparities as Head of Programmes with the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust (later named Blueprint for All). Her role was instrumental in the growth of scale and funding for these programmes, and partnerships between local authority and corporate organisations and the youth and community sectors of society.

Following nearly 6 years in these charities, Chanel moved to hold the Director of Community Partnerships role at Highgate. This department includes the Chrysalis partnership teaching programme with over 54 school partnerships- the most embedded of which is the partnership with the London Academy of Excellence Tottenham. She had held this role since May 2022, and she additionally is Highgate's Strategic Inclusion Lead since September 2023.

