

## **Helen Drummond**

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With a degree in French and Italian and an MA in European Culture and Society from UCL, Helen originally trained as a secondary teacher. Since then, she has taught in secondary and primary schools in both England and Colombia, and worked in several organisations which support schools, including The Key, Business in the Community, and Imperial College.

Her commitment to widening access to university started at the charity, Teach First, where she was involved in setting up a mentoring programme for schools, and then at Causeway Education, where she looked at how academic research could be turned into effective in-school practice to significantly raise HE progression from comprehensive schools. She co-designed a Postgraduate Certificate in Widening Participation with the University of Wolverhampton, the first qualification on this topic.

Most recently she has set up a community outreach programme at London Academy of Excellence Tottenham (LAET), called Chrysalis East. The programme aims to ensure that this selective sixth form attracts students from the local community and supports them with the grades necessary to get here.

