

## **Sarah Butterworth**

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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 at the end of its tenth year, Chrysalis provides year-round engaging educational opportunities to pupils in over forty 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 six former pupils of Highgate and partner schools, five of whom are graduates and one a recent school leaver, 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 new state sixth form called The London Academy of Excellence, Tottenham (LAET) which opened in September 2017 and seconded the equivalent of six full-time members of staff to LAET. This new school 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 sixth 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. LAE Tottenham, situated in the east of Haringey where only 1% of pupils currently reach a Russell Group University, demonstrates Highgate's commitment to this important objective.