

Person specification

Example from current or recent role

Impact on progress and achievement

An excellent classroom practitioner

Good knowledge of current educational developments

High expectations of students/learners

Enthusiasm and a sense of humour

The ability to deal with difficult people

Skills required to support and develop a team of staff

A great team-worker

Commitment to raising standards, achievement and progress

Highly skilled at ...
(insert your relevant specialism/job title)

Experience of leading initiatives and/or teams

Passion for subject area/s

Person specification

Example from current or recent role

Impact on progress and achievement

CPD attended and/or led

Commitment to enrichment

Experience of using tracking and data systems to monitor students' progress

Experience of mentoring or coaching

Reflective

Strategic

Good organisational skills

Resilient

Flexible

Do you possess vision?

If you haven't created a vision in your current role, attempt to create a vision for the direction, improvement and leadership of a future team.

Item *Room* *Room* *Room*

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State of repair

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Managing the transition
between Key Stages

Display

Homework monitoring

Coordination of curriculum
enrichment

Implementation of the
literacy policy

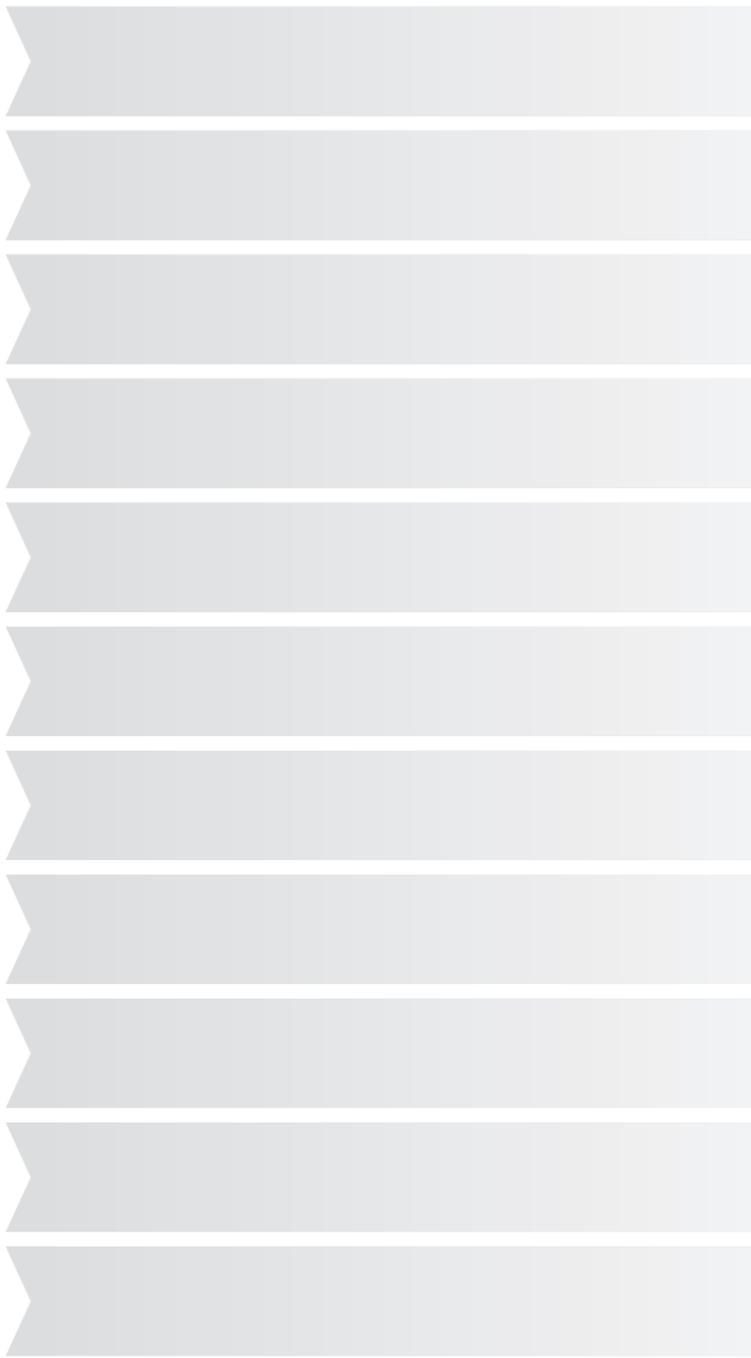
Implementation of the
numeracy policy

SMSC (Spiritual, Moral,
Social and Cultural)
development

SEND students

More able students

Community links



Leadership and Management

Grade

Areas for Development:

1.

2.

3.

Teaching, Learning and Assessment

Grade

Areas for Development:

1.

2.

3.

Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare

Grade

Areas for Development:

1.

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Outcomes for Pupils

Grade

Areas for Development:

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<i>Leadership actions & behaviours</i>	<i>Leader 'A' observations</i>	<i>Leader 'B' observations</i>
Creating a vision and sharing it with others		
Developing people		
Communicating with clarity and conviction		
Creating / designing / redesigning systems		
Managing the day to day running of the organisation		
Inspiring people		
Empowering people		
Challenging people		
Supporting people		
Encouraging collaboration		
Modelling behaviours in order that others adopt them		

Leadership actions & behaviours

Leader 'A' observations

Leader 'B' observations

Embracing change

Encouraging risk taking

Tackling obstacles

Holding people
accountable

Making difficult decisions

Questioning

Reflecting



*Qualities and attributes that my team
are hoping to see me display in my leadership*

*Ways in which I might demonstrate
these qualities and attributes*

They want me to be honest, reliable and trustworthy

They want me to have a clear vision, know where we are going and how we will get there

They want me to be knowledgeable about our subject/area/specialism

They want me to be organised and efficient

They want me to have a friendly and cheerful demeanour and a positive outlook

They want me to support them

They want me to help them develop professionally

They want me to communicate clearly

They want me to create a strong team

They want me to listen to them

They want me to value their hard work and encourage them to have a good work/life balance

*Qualities and attributes that my team
are hoping to see me display in my leadership*

*Ways in which I might demonstrate
these qualities and attributes*

They want me to be open about
mistakes I make and they want to see
me put things right

They want me to be accountable

They want me to make difficult
decisions

They want me to have high
expectations

I have created a culture that enables pupils and staff to excel.

1 2 3 4 5

Relationships between staff and pupils are exemplary.

1 2 3 4 5

I am uncompromising in my ambition to improve outcomes.

1 2 3 4 5

I focus on consistently improving outcomes for all pupils.

1 2 3 4 5

I use incisive performance management that leads to professional development that encourages, challenges and supports teachers' improvement.

1 2 3 4 5

I have a deep and accurate understanding of the school's effectiveness.

1 2 3 4 5

I have created a climate in which teachers are motivated and trusted to take risks and innovate in ways that are right for their pupils.

1 2 3 4 5

I promote equality of opportunity and diversity exceptionally well.

1 2 3 4 5

Our broad and balanced curriculum inspires pupils to learn.

1 2 3 4 5

Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is at the heart of what we do

1 2 3 4 5

Work to protect pupils from radicalisation and extremism is exemplary.

1 2 3 4 5

Safeguarding is effective.

1 2 3 4 5

Simple audit:

Student
achievement

Student
progress

Use of
technology

Planning

Teaching

Coaching
and
mentoring

Classroom:
organisation, layout,
display

Resources

Curriculum

Creativity

Pupil voice
and
independent
learning

Data, tracking and
intervention

Communication
within the team

Marking

Meetings

Enrichment
activities

Positives

Negatives

Questions

Key Stage 4 results have improved every year for 5 years

Progress of FSM has taken a dip over the last 2 years

We used to have a spare classroom and we used it for small group intervention which was led by our TA - can we do that again?

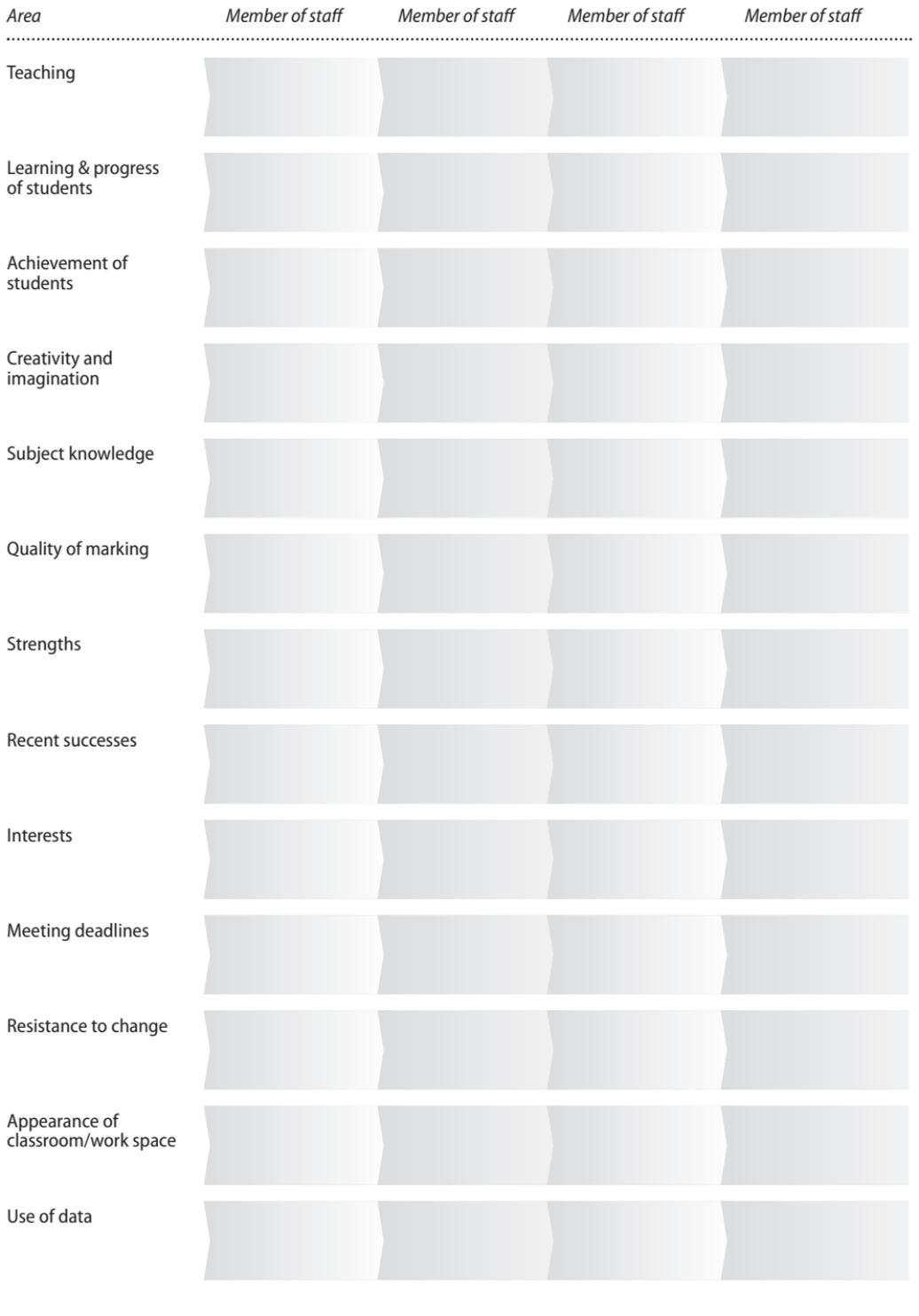
Attendance at parents' evenings has increased by over 50%

The number of students who are late to lessons after lunchtime has increased by 30%

Can we set up a new working party to look at updating our rewards system and making it more consistent and cohesive?



Area	<i>Comment about current situation</i>	<i>How might we develop this?</i>
Independent learning		
Data, tracking and intervention		
Communication		
Marking		
Meetings		
Enrichment activities		



Area	<i>Member of staff</i>	<i>Member of staff</i>	<i>Member of staff</i>	<i>Member of staff</i>
Planning				
Intervention				
Contribution to enrichment activities				
Use of technology				
Contribution to the team and the vision				
Keeps up to date with relevant educational developments				
Their response to my leadership				
Approaches I may need to take in leading or managing this person				

Signs that you are being strategic

I am knowledgeable about the current political landscape and how it affects our organisation

I have a deep understanding of the contexts in which my organisation operates

I can balance the day to day operational stuff with having a long term view

I am able to see the bigger picture

Signs that you are being strategic

When planning, I look at the possible short term and long term impact of carrying out actions



My team is able to have strategic discussions and meetings



I question things – including my own ideas, beliefs and approaches



I'm adaptive



Signs that you are being strategic

I'm good at spotting opportunities that might lead to improvement



When I have planned strategically, I can actually make it happen!



Describe the change that was imposed?

How was the change introduced?

How did you and people around you respond?

What did you and others think or feel?
What reactions did you observe?

What did people say about the change?

What was the positive impact of the change - for students and for staff?

What was the negative impact of the change - for students and for staff?

<i>Change Area</i>	<i>Quick fix</i>	<i>Long term/ transformational</i>
Change Area (adapt/add to suit your leadership role)	What requires change? (be as specific as you can and say why it needs changing, why it's not fit for purpose any more)	What requires change? (be as specific as you can and say why it needs changing, why it's not fit for purpose any more)
Ethos of the team		
Meetings and communication		
Student progress and achievement		
Display		
Teaching and Learning		
Curriculum		
Homework		
Tracking and intervention		
Planning		
Resources		

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Quality assurance and monitoring		
Students' attitudes to learning		
Rewards systems		
Extra-curricular and enrichment		
Engaging stakeholders and community		

Homework

Rewards

Sept.	Review KS4 homework; Staff lead?	
Oct.		Rewards system Staff lead?
Nov.	Design new homework	
Dec.		
Jan.		Trial new rewards system
Feb.		
Mar.	Share new HW plan	Review trial
Apr.	Trial and review new homework units	New rewards system in place
May.		
Jun.		
Jul.		
Sept.		

*Enrichment**Curriculum**Display*

Current KS2 curriculum
reviewed - All staff

New displays
Staff lead ?

New curriculum planning
- All staff

Review current curriculum
enrichment

Individual staff planning

Impact of displays measured

New Curriculum Enrichment
planning - All staff

New curriculum teaching
starts

Review and changes

New curriculum enrichment
plan in place

Displays reviewed

*Behaviour
for Learning*

*Academic Progress
Checks*

*Gathering the views of
other stakeholders*

Nov.

Dec.

Jan.

Feb.

Mar.

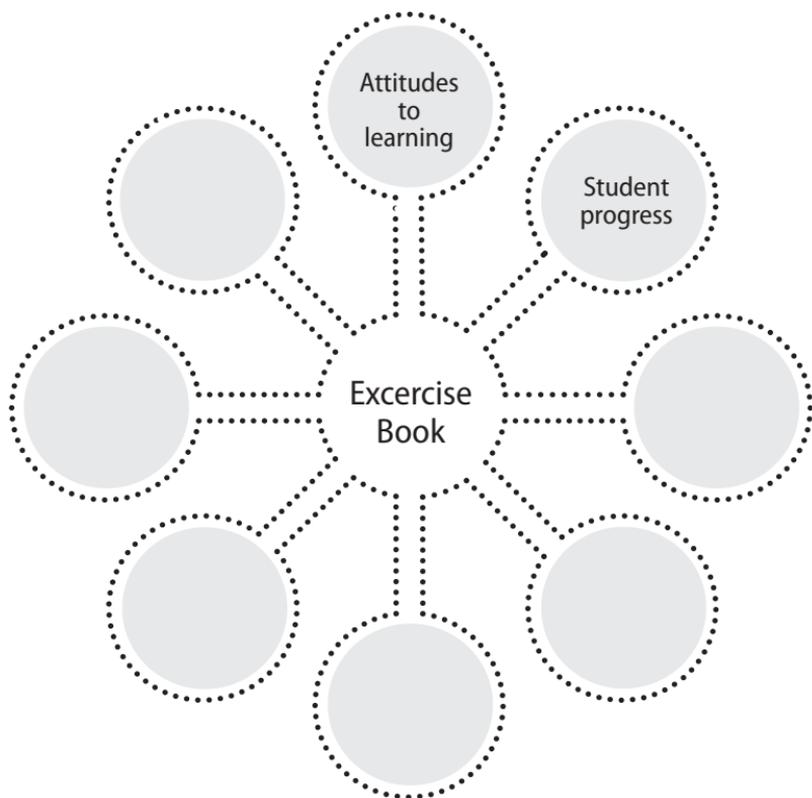
Apr.

May.

Jun.

Jul.





Staff are reluctant to consent to an 'open door' policy and view learning walks as 'spying'.

A sheet provided to you for learning walks is just lots of boxes to tick, or only allows you to write yes or no against a series of set statements.

Staff carrying out learning walks are unsure what they are looking for and make generalised statements with no evidence.

*Date / Term
/ Half Term*

Year Group

*School Reporting or
Assessment Activity*

Department / Faculty Data Activity

e.g. report to parents,
parents evening,
monitoring cycle

e.g. tracker input, SLT line
management meeting

Sept.

Oct.

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Aug.

Teachers

Pupils

SLT

Parents /
Carers

Other
Middle
Leaders

Reflection & Analysis

What has gone well?
How do you know?
What needs to change?
What data do you have?

Identification of Need

Who are your target
students?
Why?
How are they
underachieving?

Monitoring of Impact

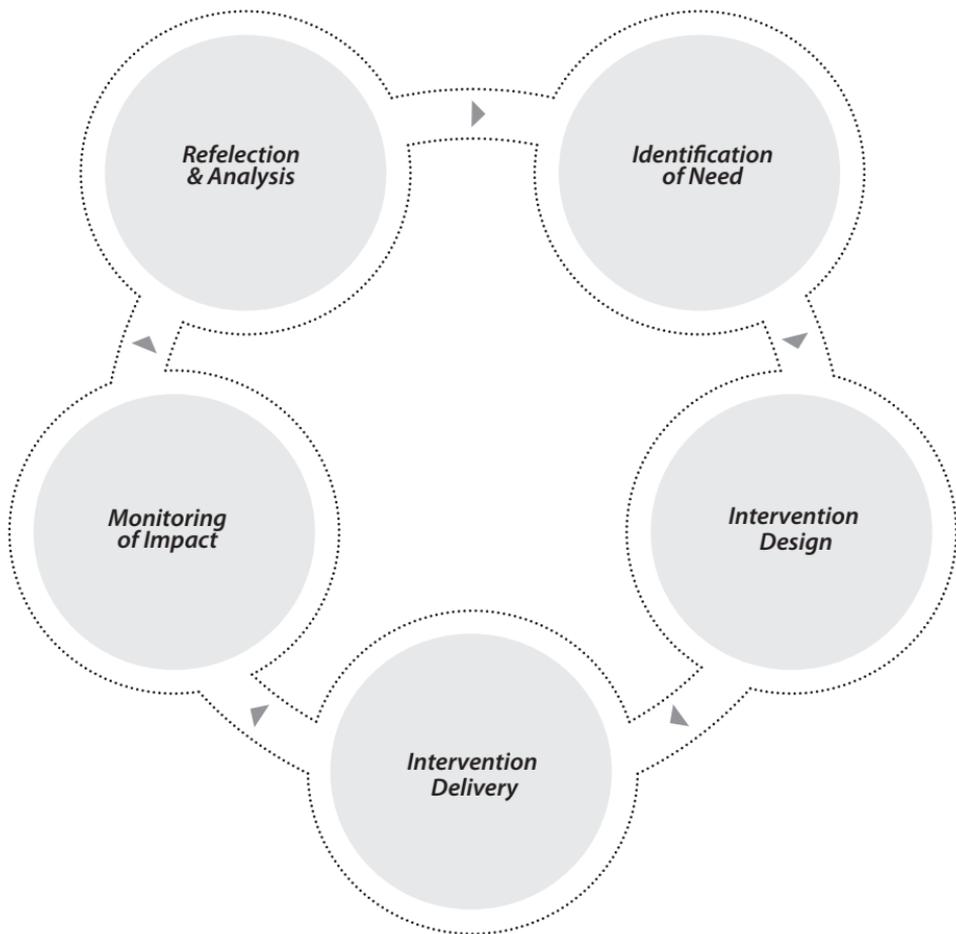
How will you monitor the
intervention?
What are your intended
outcomes?
How will you measure
success?

Intervention Design

How will you intervene?
Who do you need to
consult/recruit?

Intervention Delivery

When & where will it
take place?
Who will determine the
content?
How will you ensure its
suitability/quality?



Imagine you describing the ethos of the school to someone who has never been there. You're not trying to sell the school to them though – describe it honestly and objectively as possible.

School's official ethos

How the ethos supports or
is linked to the school's
vision

The school's key values

Ethos of praise and rewards

Ethos of attitudes,
behaviour and relationships

Ethos of hopes, dreams,
aspiration and achievement

Ethos of creativity,
innovation and risk taking

*Areas in which the ethos
of the school may be evident*

Your comments and observations

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Ethos of decision making,
collaboration and
participation

Ethos of enrichment and
extra-curricular activities

Ethos of student voice and
leadership

Ethos of the physical
environment

The ethos of your area or department

Your comments and observations – these could be your own reflections or you could involve your team.

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environment

Characteristics and Personality

Vibrant	Traditional	Innovative	Secure	Caring
Efficient	Supportive	Encouraging	Stable	Rewarding
Sharing	Driven	Aspirational	Resistant	Independent
Disciplined	Academic	Enthusiastic	Challenging	Committed
Proud	Positive	Trusting	Organised	Nurturing
Successful	High-tech	Effective	Collaborative	Colourful
Friendly	Unique	Rewarding	Forward-thinking	Inspirational
Considerate	High-profile	Decisive	Open	Creative
Relaxed	Exciting	Structured		

Description of the departmental ethos that I would like to foster and develop



Environmental factor

What it says about our ethos

Tables in classrooms are all grouped

We value teamwork and student-led learning

Classroom doors all have "I am currently reading..." posters on them

We value reading for pleasure

Teacher, peer- and self-assessment sheets use the same departmental design with space for feedback and reflection

We believe that assessment and progress are important and that everybody is involved in the process

The entrances to the departmental area/s all have "welcome to..." signs

We are proud of the work that we do and happy to have you here

Posters with AFs and progress measures are the same in each classroom

We believe that consistency is important. We want you to know that it doesn't matter which class you are in – you will be able to achieve and make progress anywhere in our department

Reward certificates or postcards have a consistent design/colour scheme across the department

We are aspirational and like to celebrate achievement

Students' books all have the same sticker on the front of them

We value pride in our work

Welcoming

- Staff are always at their classroom door greeting students as they arrive.
- Lessons take place with classroom doors open.
- If a visitor arrives at a classroom, a student leader welcomes the visitor and offers to explain what they are learning/working on that lesson.
- Student leaders show visitors around the department during open events.
- Supply staff are welcomed with offers of tea and coffee and somewhere to put their belongings.
- Support staff who work with your team are always copied in to emails, included in bulletins and involved in planning (as far as is practical within the parameters of their role).

What do we mean by attitudes to learning?

This could be a question posed to the whole group. Answers could be recorded on post-its (or electronic equivalent) and displayed for discussion.

What would really positive attitudes to learning look like:

- In the classroom?
- On corridors?
- In the canteen?
- Outside school?

These could be answered by groups working in a carousel. Use giant paper and get groups to feedback.

What do we mean by aspiration?

As before, a question posed to the whole group. Answers could be recorded on post-its (or electronic equivalent) and displayed for discussion.

How can we support each other in being aspirational in [insert dept / organisation here]. How can staff and students share their aspirations?

Paired activity and feedback.

How can we ensure that our attitudes to aspiration are inclusive?

This could be a question posed to the whole group. Answers could be recorded on post-its (or electronic equivalent) and displayed for discussion.

Agreeing an ethos

This might happen at a second meeting, all the initial ideas could be brought along in a clear format and discussed - are we going with this or not?

How can we share this ethos?

Creative approaches to sharing and embedding an ethos

Noisily
successful

Quietly
successful

Me
Future

Me
Now

Noisily
unsuccessful

Quietly
unsuccessful

Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Posters• A weekly electronic team bulletin• Photo galleries of best work on the VLE• Videos of speeches/performances on the VLE• Regular rewards of badges for achievement and effort	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A blog• Great looking classrooms and corridors• Staff always greet students at class doors• Trips and enrichment• Worthwhile homework• Positive calls and letters to parents
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Staff		
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SLT		
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Parents		
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Junior schools		
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Colleges		
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Other schools in the locality

Local businesses

- Invite representatives from local businesses to events or performances
- Ask them to mentor students
- Ask if you can organise a visit for students
- Ask if someone can give an inspiring talk to students
- Send them copies of a newsletter
- Make work shadowing or work experience links.

Local community

Teacher training organisations

Nationally

Globally

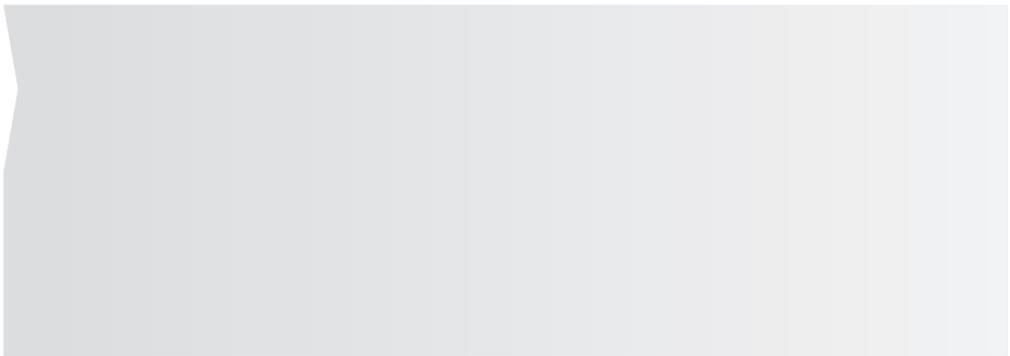
Date

Coach

Coachee

Session no.

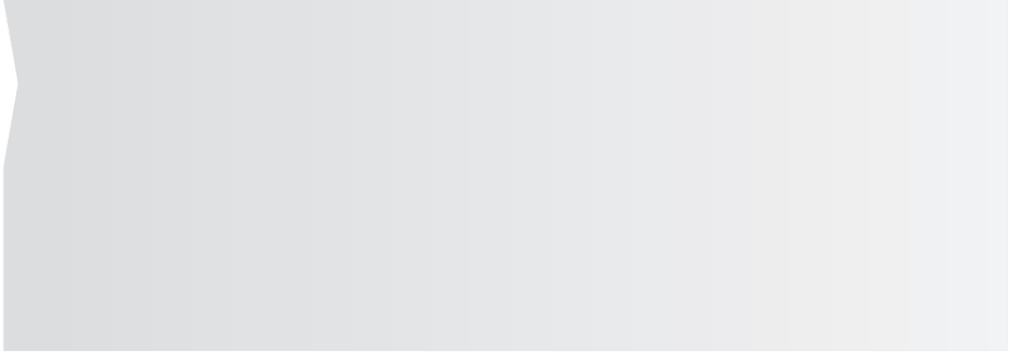
Goal/s identified



Reality (brief description of current situation)



Options discussed



Date

Coach

Coachee

Session no.

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What next (actions to be carried out)

Date and time of next coaching session

Any other comments

Coachee Evaluation

Strongly Agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

The coaching process helped me identify my goals

I felt well supported during the coaching process

My coach provided a good level of challenge during the sessions

My coach encouraged me to be reflective and to explore different ideas and options

The coaching process helped me plan actions for improvement and development

As a result of taking part in the coaching programme, my practice has improved/developed in some way

As a result of taking part in the coaching programme, I feel more confident

I enjoyed the coaching process and think that it was an excellent form of professional development

Comments:

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Coach Evaluation

Strongly Agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

I was successful in helping the coachee identify their goals



I supported the coachee effectively during the coaching process



I provided a good level of challenge for my coachee throughout the coaching process



I was effective in encouraging my coachee to be reflective



I was effective in encouraging my coachee to plan their actions and next steps



As a result of the coaching sessions that I led, the coachee has improved /developed their practice in some way



I feel confident about the quality and effectiveness of my coaching skills



I enjoyed the coaching process and think that it was an excellent form of professional development



Comments:

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*Team
Member*

*Area of
Responsibility*

*Progress and impact
against outcomes*

*Decision and action with
any support required*

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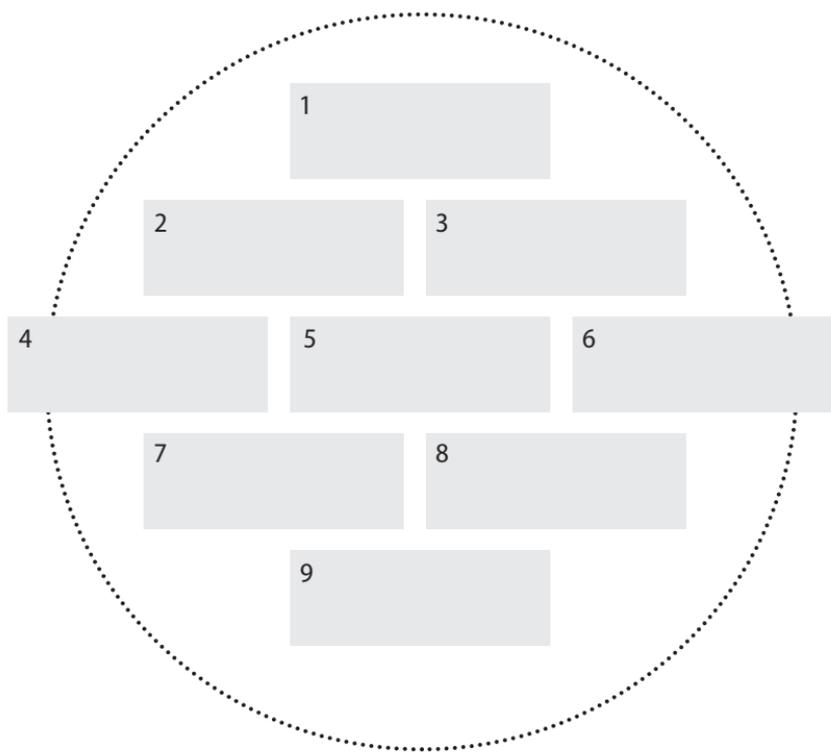
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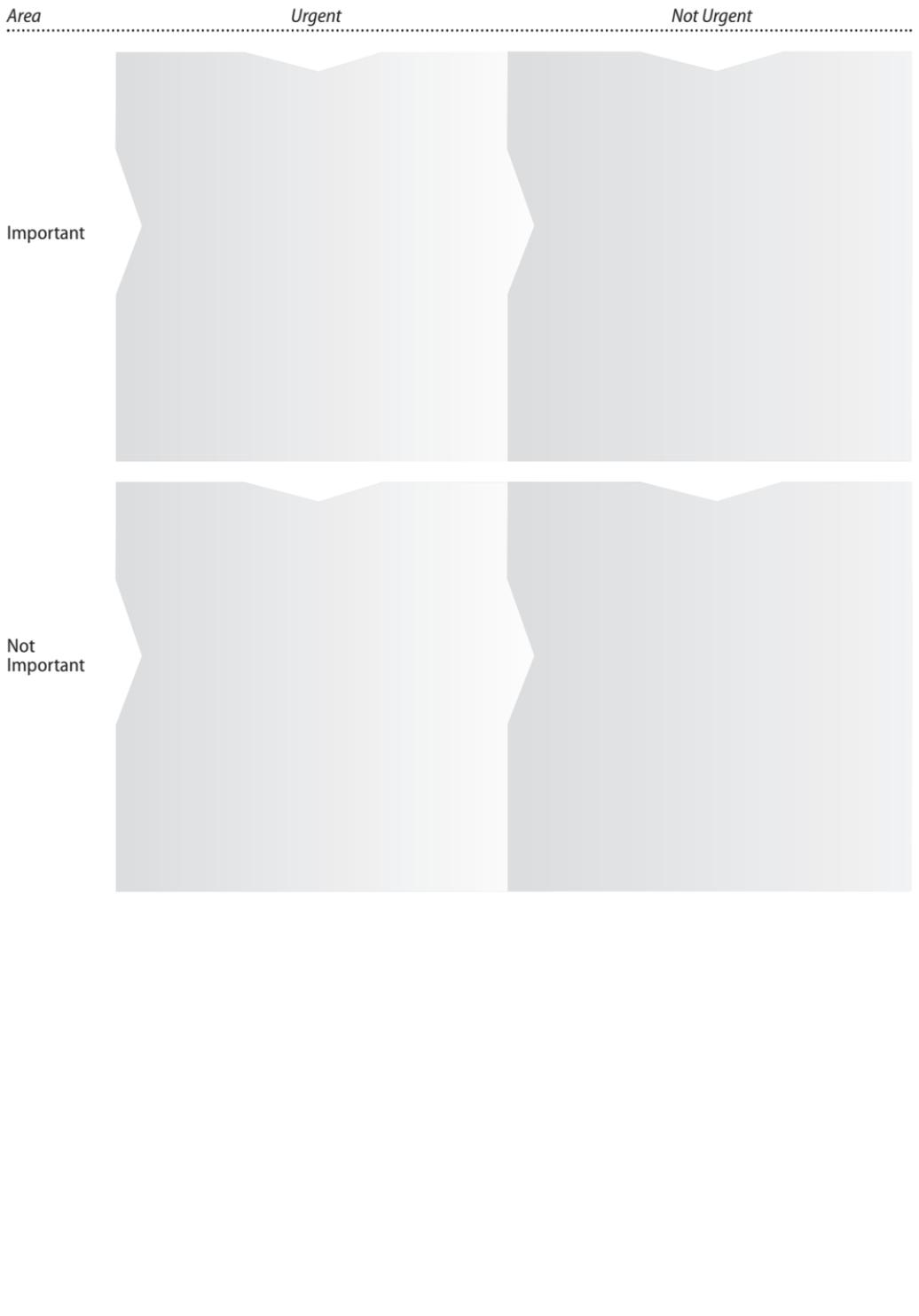
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Qualities and Abilities

Independent	Trustworthy	Creative	Reliable	Meticulous
Strict	Driven	Friendly	Responsible	Intellectual
Brave	Calm	Stays up-to-date	ICT literate	Articulate
Smartly-dressed	Popular	Emotionally intelligent		Well-read
Decisive	Excellent time-management		Prioritises	Interesting
Funny	Delegates			



<i>Item</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Year 9 reports	
Classroom keys	
Corridor display	
Work scrutiny dates and details	
Assessment deadlines	
Year 11 intervention plans	
AOB	



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Before School

Period One

Period Two

Break

Period Three

Period Four

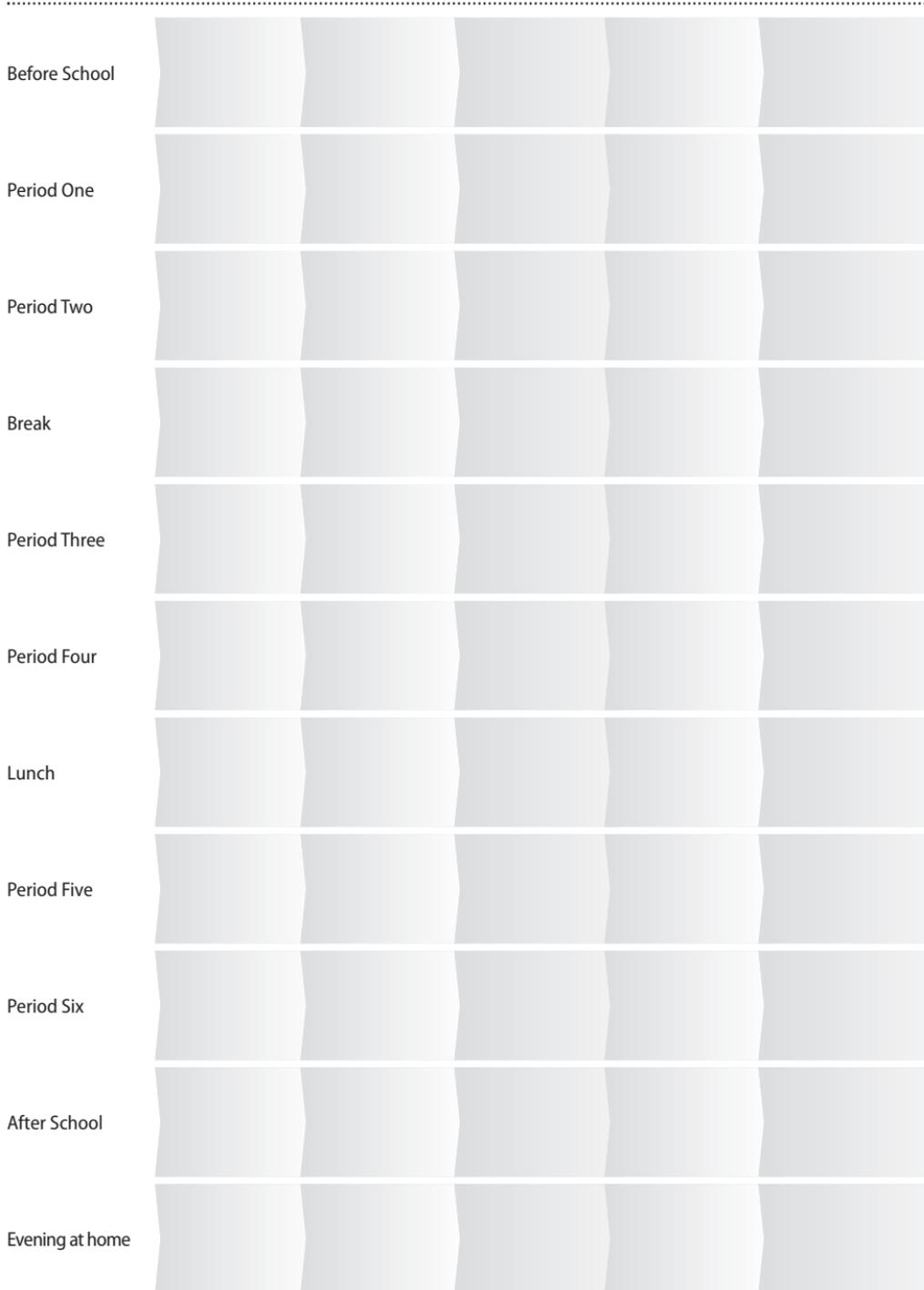
Lunch

Period Five

Period Six

After School

Evening at home



Planning a VLE-based Enrichment Activity - Initial Plan:

Project idea outline

Learning objectives

Student outcomes
(what will they create
or produce?)

Activity ideas

Possible resources

Ideas for getting students
involved (rewards /
competitions/promotion)

Timescales and
organisation

Barriers and obstacles

Ideas for overcoming
barriers and obstacles

Type of trip

Ideas

*Don't limit yourself here
- think as broadly as possible and don't worry about cost or practicalities at this stage!*

Theatre

Gallery

Museum

Factory or business

University faculty

Urban landmark

Rural landmark

Activity-based

European

International

Other ideas



<i>Full Cohort</i>	<i>Extra Curricular Clubs</i>	<i>Target Group 1</i>	<i>Target Group 2</i>	<i>Collaboration</i>	<i>Community / Stakeholder Engagement</i>
<p>Spelling Bee</p> <p>21 finalists plus whole year group</p> <p><i>Impact:</i> KS3 Literacy</p>	<p>Film Club</p> <p>Up to 50 students per showing</p> <p><i>Impact:</i> Develop and widen student knowledge of film.</p>	<p>BBC School News Report</p> <p>Y10 - 20 students</p> <p><i>Impact:</i> Give students a taster session as to the life of a journalist. Allow students to practice non-fiction writing</p>	<p>BBC Radio 2 500 words Rriting competition</p> <p>Y7 - selected target students</p> <p><i>Impact:</i> Improve KS3 creative writing and encourage interest in writing for fun</p>	<p>National Story Telling Week</p> <p>Y5/6 students - visiting event.</p> <p><i>Impact:</i> Encourage reading and ease students in to KS2/3 transition</p>	<p>National Story Telling Week</p> <p>As many pupils as possible</p> <p><i>Impact:</i> Involve parents in encouraging an interest in reading</p>
<p>World Book Day</p> <p>Whole year group</p> <p><i>Impact:</i> Interest in reading</p>	<p>Shakespeare Schools Festival</p> <p>25 actors and 10 production assistants</p> <p><i>Impact:</i> Experience of large scale performance</p>	<p>Debating Competition</p> <p><i>Impact:</i> Improve Speaking and Listening skills in a real life, formal context</p>	<p>National Blog Posting month</p> <p><i>Impact:</i> Encourage students to think about different methods of revising for English and in turn show these different techniques to other pupils who read their blogs.</p>		<p>Shakespeare Schools Festival</p> <p>In school performance as well as local theatre.</p>

<i>Full Cohort</i>	<i>Extra Curricular Clubs</i>	<i>Target Group 1</i>	<i>Target Group 2</i>	<i>Collaboration</i>	<i>Community / Stakeholder Engagement</i>
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National Poetry Day

Whole year group through lessons

Impact:
Y8 interest in poetry

Impact:

Impact:

Impact:

Impact:

Impact:

Globe / London trip

Impact:

Impact:

Impact:

Impact:

*Year Group** *Half term 1* *Half term 2* *Half term 3* *Half term 4* *Half term 5* *Half term 6*

** or different groups of students - more able, pupil premium, boys... whatever your key groups are*

September

October

November

December

January

Curriculum time enrichment

Before and after school enrichment

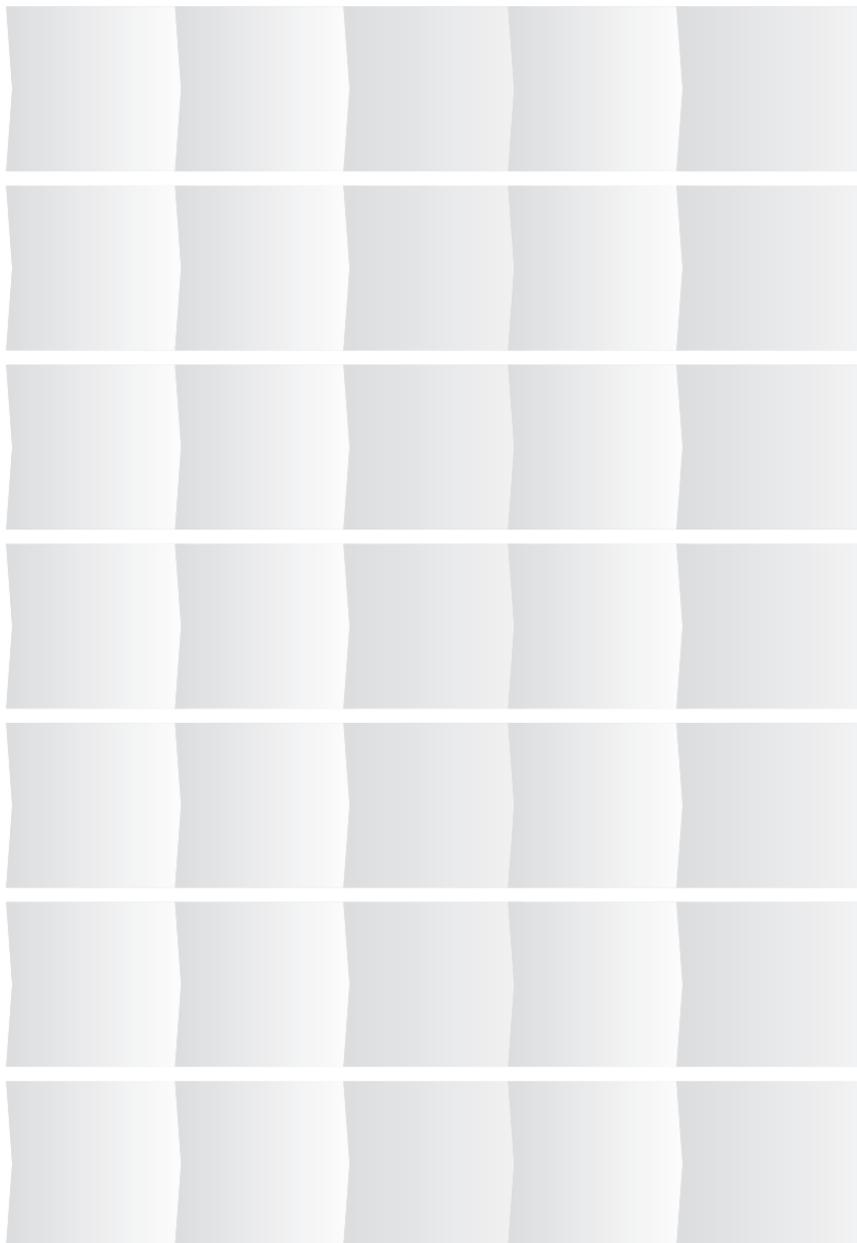
Trips

VLE Enrichment

Holiday Enrichment

Cross-curricular enrichment

Cross-year group enrichment



<p>Leadership and Management</p> <p>Grade</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5</p> <p>A</p>	<p>B</p>	<p>C</p>	<p>D</p>
<p>Teaching, Learning and Assessment</p> <p>Grade</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5</p>			
<p>Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare</p> <p>Grade</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5</p>			
<p>Outcomes</p> <p>Grade</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5</p>			

- Key**
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- A: Highlight your current grade*
 - B: Bullet point what you are doing well with plenty of evidence to back up your claims.*
 - C: Bullet point what you know you need to improve, how you will do it and by when.*
 - D: Assign responsibility to show how you have distributed leadership*

** with reference to files and key documents:*

Leadership and Management

Teaching, Learning and Assessment

Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare

Outcomes

Year 7 (4 periods per week)

Class	7En1	7En2	7En3	7En4	7En5	7En6
Staff	Mr Ashmore	Mrs Clay	Mrs Atkinson	Mrs Greenwood	Mr Rees	Mrs Weston

Year 8 (4 periods per week)

Class	8En1	8En2	8En3	8En4	8En5	8En6
Staff	Mrs Greenwood	Mr Rees	Mrs Weston	Mr Ashmore	Mrs Clay	Mrs Atkinson

Memory

Why so memorable?

Opportunity?

Memory

Why so memorable?

Opportunity?

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Opportunity?

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Team member

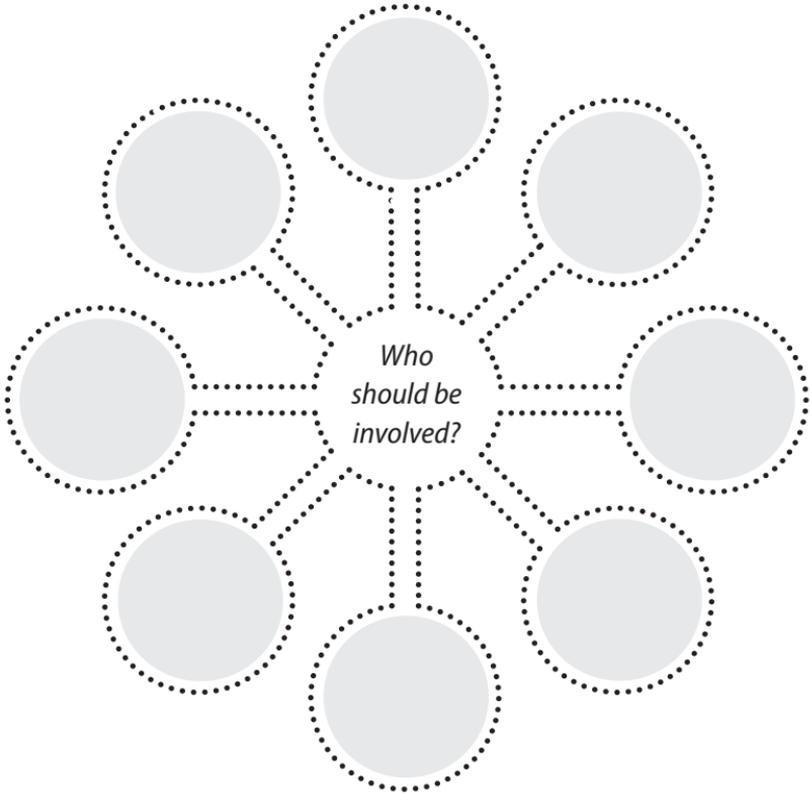
Skill

Team member

Skill

Team member

Skill



<i>What am I reflecting on?</i>	<i>How do I feel about this area?</i>	<i>How would I describe my performance?</i>
	Your honest gut feeling in a few words	What do/might others say?
My leadership skills and knowledge		
My leadership style		
My management skills		
My organisational skills		
The way I motivate my team		
The way I support my team		
The way I challenge my team		
The way I develop my team		
The ways in which I have utilised the talents of members of staff		
My openness to feedback and advice		
The ways in which I respond to challenges		
The ways in which I deal with and lead change		
The level of support and challenge I have been given		
The ways in which I have celebrated successes with my team		

I have created a culture that enables pupils and staff to excel.

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Relationships between staff and pupils are exemplary.

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I am uncompromising in my ambition to improve outcomes.

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I focus on consistently improving outcomes for all pupils.

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I use incisive performance management that leads to professional development that encourages, challenges and supports teachers' improvement.

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I have a deep and accurate understanding of the school's effectiveness.

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I have created a climate in which teachers are motivated and trusted to take risks and innovate in ways that are right for their pupils.

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I promote equality of opportunity and diversity exceptionally well.

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Our broad and balanced curriculum inspires pupils to learn.

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Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is at the heart of what we do

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Work to protect pupils from radicalisation and extremism is exemplary.

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Safeguarding is effective.

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What am I reflecting on?

How do I feel about this area?

How would I describe my performance?

The current ethos of
my department

What really happened here?

What now?

<i>What am I reflecting on?</i>	<i>How do I feel about this area?</i>	<i>How would I describe my performance?</i>
The work my team ...	- Your honest gut feeling in a few words	- What do/might others say?
has done to engage with staff throughout the organisation		
has done to engage with SLT		
has done to engage with parents		
has done to engage with schools in our learning community		
has done to engage with colleges and universities		
has done to engage with local businesses		
has done to engage with the local community		
has done to engage with teacher training organisations		
has done to raise our profile nationally or globally		

<i>What am I reflecting on?</i>	<i>How do I feel about this area?</i> - Your honest gut feeling in a few words	<i>How would I describe my performance?</i> - What do/might others say?
Achievement		
Progress		
Curriculum		
Planning		
Display		
Tracking, monitoring and intervention		
Observations		
Learning walks		
Student feedback/voice		
Marking scrutinies		
Standardisation		
Moderation		

What am I reflecting on?

How do I feel about this area?

How would I describe my performance?

- Your honest gut feeling in a few words

- What do/might others say?

How I have managed meetings

How I have managed and led departmental communication

How well I support my team in managing time and work/life balance

How well I manage my own work/life balance

What really happened here?

What now?

- What worked or didn't work and why?

- Actions I might need to take to improve/develop

What am I reflecting on?

How do I feel about this area?

How would I describe my performance?

- Your honest gut feeling in a few words

- What do/might others say?

My departmental
trackers

How effectively staff
in my team use data

The design of
intervention
strategies

The delivery of the
intervention
strategies

The impact of the
intervention
strategies

Shared leadership of
intervention
programmes and
activities

What am I reflecting on?

How do I feel about this area?

How would I describe my performance?

- Your honest gut feeling in a few words

- What do/might others say?

The quality and variety of enrichment opportunities my team provided

How I have ensured shared leadership of enrichment activities

The impact of the enrichment activities

My leadership of the monitoring and quality assurance of enrichment activities

What really happened here?

What now?

- What worked or didn't work and why?

- Actions I might need to take to improve/develop

What am I reflecting on?

How do I feel about this area?

How would I describe my performance?

- Your honest gut feeling in a few words

- What do/might others say?

The curriculum provides memorable experiences

We innovate and take risks

Our curriculum has breadth and balance

The curriculum is well-planned the focus of the curriculum is on progress and outcomes

RWC, numeracy and ICT are well served by our curriculum

Our curriculum helps foster independence and resilience

What am I reflecting on?

How do I feel about this area?

How would I describe my performance?

- Your honest gut feeling in a few words

- What do/might others say?

Leaders and governors have created a culture that enables pupils and staff to excel. They are committed unwaveringly to setting high expectations for the conduct of pupils and staff. Relationships between staff and pupils are exemplary.

Leaders and governors focus on consistently improving outcomes for all pupils, but especially for disadvantaged pupils. They are uncompromising in their ambition.

The school's actions have secured substantial improvement in progress for disadvantaged pupils. Progress is rising across the curriculum, including in English and mathematics.

Leaders and governors have a deep, accurate understanding of the school's effectiveness informed by the views of pupils, parents and staff. They use this to keep the school improving by focusing on the impact of their actions in key areas.

What really happened here?

What now?

- What worked or didn't work and why?

- Actions I might need to take to improve/develop

What am I reflecting on?

How do I feel about this area?

How would I describe my performance?

- Your honest gut feeling in a few words

- What do/might others say?

Leaders and governors use incisive performance management that leads to professional development that encourages, challenges and supports teachers' improvement. Teaching is highly effective across the school.

Staff reflect on and debate the way they teach. They feel deeply involved in their own professional development. Leaders have created a climate in which teachers are motivated and trusted to take risks and innovate in ways that are right for their pupils.

The broad and balanced curriculum inspires pupils to learn. The range of subjects and courses helps pupils acquire knowledge, understanding and skills in all aspects of their education, including the humanities and linguistic, mathematical, scientific, technical, social, physical and artistic learning.

Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and, within this, the promotion of fundamental British values, are at the heart of the school's work.

What really happened here?

What now?

- What worked or didn't work and why?

- Actions I might need to take to improve/develop

What am I reflecting on?

How do I feel about this area?

How would I describe my performance?

- Your honest gut feeling in a few words

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Leaders promote equality of opportunity and diversity exceptionally well, for pupils and staff, so that the ethos and culture of the whole school prevents any form of direct or indirect discriminatory behaviour.

Leaders, staff and pupils do not tolerate prejudiced behaviour.

Safeguarding is effective.

Leaders and managers have created a culture of vigilance where pupils' welfare is actively promoted.

Pupils are listened to and feel safe.

Staff are trained to identify when a pupil may be at risk of neglect, abuse or exploitation and they report their concerns.

Leaders and staff work effectively with external partners to support pupils who are at risk or who are the subject of a multi-agency plan.

Leaders' work to protect pupils from radicalisation and extremism is exemplary.

Leaders respond swiftly where pupils are vulnerable to these issues.

High quality training develops staff's vigilance, confidence and competency to challenge pupils' views and encourage debate.

What really happened here?

What now?

- What worked or didn't work and why?

- Actions I might need to take to improve/develop

A sense of purpose:

The best leaders we have worked with are always going somewhere.

This might be somewhere long term or an ultimate goal, but it's also just the way they do their day-to-day thing. They move and talk with a sense of purpose and resolve.



An explorer:

We think that good leaders are open to exploration. They are eager to explore new avenues and possibilities.

They might have a clear sense of their ultimate goal, but they are always aware that there are new things to see, do and learn along the way and they're open to their own new learning.

Where there are problems, they probe and analyse.



Positive:

On the whole, the best leaders are positive people. That doesn't mean that they are at all times smiley and amenable, bright and cheery, but their take on life is positive.

The way they approach challenges and barriers is with the old cliché of a 'can-do' approach. You don't hear good leaders sighing and whinging.



Creative:

We could write an entire chapter on creativity and creative approaches to problem solving but the bottom line is that leaders create.

They create all sorts of things: the right atmosphere for success, opportunities, challenges, great trackers, great resources, interesting and varied schemes of work and of course hardworking and successful teams – of learners and of staff.

A really good leader is not precious about their creations and encourages opinions, input and adaptations from others.



A learner:

Good leaders are learners whether they are working in an educational setting or not. They can be seen learning new skills and knowledge and delight in it.

They're also comfortable with being seen to be learning.

Leaders who lead us all to believe that they are infallible, all-knowing demi-gods don't impress anyone.



Great communicators:

Whether they are supporting, building teams, chatting, praising, debating, presenting or explaining - they do it well.

They communicate clearly and with confidence.



Organised:

It's easy to get carried away on the tide of leadership and focus on the inspirational and creative nature of great leaders, but the bottom line is that day-to-day management and organisation are integral to good leadership.

Great leaders will be seen spinning their own plates, and ensuring that everyone else's plates keep spinning too. They will be there when plates break, fixing them, replacing them, asking why they fell and making sure nobody has too many or too few plates on the go at once.



Inspirational:

We have talked at length about just what it is that makes a person inspirational. We have agreed that it is a combination of characteristics and behaviours, some of which are difficult to define and fugacious in nature. What inspires some may well be different to the traits that we find inspirational.

Above all, leaders who are authentic and original inspire us. They forge their own path and have a healthy, but reflective and well-reasoned, disregard for trends and obvious choices. We are also inspired by those whose focus is on others.

Folk who have an innate yearning to improve the lives of and help other people, in any way, are an inspiration. We are not inspired - or even mildly impressed - by relentless self-promotion thinly disguised as strategic school improvement!



How do I feel about my leadership?

What do you enjoy about the leadership elements of your role?

What do you really dislike about the leadership elements of your role?

What do you find challenging about the leadership elements of your role?

What elements of leadership do you find really easy?

Where are there gaps in your leadership skillset? How could you fill these gaps?

As a leader, what do you do best?

As a leader, how do you think others perceive you?

As a leader, how do you feel about having a wider sphere of influence? How would you feel about leading more people?

Our 'aspirations and attitudes to learning' ethos (summarised in a sentence or two)

Those characteristics that are fundamental to that ethos

The behaviours and appearances that demonstrate and are inextricably linked to the characteristics and the ethos
(what people see and hear and feel)