

THE LEICESTERSHIRE Virtual School CONFERENCE 2020

27th FEBRUARY 2020
8:30am - 4:00pm

**King Power Stadium, Filbert Way,
Leicester LE2 7FL**

“Preparing all learners for future success”

About the conference:

The new Ofsted framework focuses on the extent to which school “leaders’ and managers’ high ambitions” include “all pupils, including those who are harder to reach”. This conference will look at how your school’s vision, ethos and strategic direction can provide the key to “high-quality education for all pupils”.

You will hear how your policy impacts on the everyday experience of vulnerable children, especially looked after and previously looked after children and some examples of how changes in practice can lead to fewer exclusions and greater engagement in education from your pupils.

Target audience:

The conference is aimed at head teachers and other primary and secondary senior leaders; governors; designated teachers for looked after children and other stakeholders with an interest in the education of vulnerable children.

The day will include:

Keynote speech by Jaz Ampaw-Farr

Jaz grew up in care and went on to become, first a teacher, and now an internationally renowned motivational speaker. She will recount the inspirational story of how she dramatically transformed her life with the support of some “everyday heroes” (including teachers).

Dave Whitaker

Director of Learning for the Wellspring Academy Trust, National Leader of Education, member of the DFE’s Timpson Exclusions Review expert reference group, founder member of the Head Teachers’ Roundtable think-tank and chair of The Difference Programme Board.

Care-experienced young people

Care-experienced young people will recount their experiences in education and talk about the strategies that supported them to achieve success.

Helen Bakewell

Leicestershire Inclusion Service Manager will introduce the new Inclusion Service and Inclusion forums.

£75 for the first delegate from your school/organisation and £55 for each additional delegate booked at the same time.

Car parking is available on site.

Lunch and refreshments included

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Jaz Ampaw-Farr
and
Dave Whitaker**

To book a place please register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/leicestershire-virtual-school-annual-conference-2020-tickets-77835436887?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

For enquiries please contact

VirtualSchool@leics.gov.uk or phone 0116 305 6434



Keynote Speakers

Jaz Ampaw-Farr

It would be easy to say, you've never met anyone like Jaz before.

Her passion for the potential we can uncover in ourselves when we are just 2% braver and her insight into how to remove the barriers that hinder connection between us and those we seek to influence make Jaz one of those people you will never forget.

Jaz's story is one of growing up in the midst of most appalling abuse, poverty and hardship during which she encountered five teachers (and, importantly, one pimp) whose belief in her literally saved her life.

She shares her fantastic journey of how saying yes first allowed her to progress from council estate and foster care to advising international governments on education policy.

Full of practical advice, her message is neatly summed up in her own words to those five teachers from her past and the title of her bestselling book - Because Of You - This Is Me.



Dave Whitaker

Dave is Director of Learning for the Wellspring Academy Trust. As a former Executive Principal of SEMH Special and Alternative Provision academies, he now has responsibility for 11 such academies across Lincolnshire and Yorkshire.

Dave is a National Leader of Education and leads Positive Regard Teaching School Alliance. Positive Regard work nationally supporting schools with behaviour training which draws on years of experience working with the most complex and vulnerable of children. Based on an ethos of 'unconditional positive regard' Dave's schools use relational, trauma informed practice to make them safe and caring places to learn.

Dave has recently been a member of the DFE's Timpson Exclusions Review expert reference group, he is a founder member of the Head Teachers' Roundtable think tank and is chair of The Difference Programme Board. He is a regular speaker at conferences and an active campaigner for educational change.