



Jamie Clarke

### **Sponne School**

Executive Headteacher

There is a Head of School (Headteacher defacto) and SLT in place

### **Grace Academy Trust**

CEO

- Seconded role since September 2014 but began NLE (National Leader of Education) work from November 2013
- 3 secondary schools in the Trust/MAT in West Midlands
- Challenging communities eg. all have around 60% Pupil premium (one has 92% in Y10)

### **Impact:**

- All 3 were in category and now all 3 are out
- MAT was in the bottom 3 for DfE and would have closed last year
- The organisation has been reshaped now, the central team remodelled & fit for purpose. Teaching standards driven up significantly along with outcomes. Key leaders appointed, effective structures put in place, financial responsibility & accountability established. Student numbers have started to increase
- One had the Secretary of State visit in Sept 2015 as it was the most improved in the Birmingham area
- The DfE are now asking us to take on some primary schools

### **NLE Experience**

- Grace Academy began with NLE work leadership level, Maths & English support through NSS (National Support School) at Coventry. Impact was that leadership improved in 2013-14, Maths results significantly improved and English went up .
- Worked with two other secondary schools in Northants – one for around a year with leadership and Maths support. All had positive impact with improvements in standards; both were through brokering arrangements with the LA

## **Ofsted**

- Ofsted inspector since 2002, now Lead Inspector.
- Good experience and up to date CPD that schools find extremely useful