

David N. Batten M.A. (Cantab.)

profile

I am a conscientious leader with a proven ability to recruit, develop and build teams and lead them through change to improve educational and business outcomes. My interpersonal and communication skills are well-developed with particular strengths in engaging with external stakeholders and influencing at all levels. My analytical and problem solving skills are effective, and I am a skilled user of information technologies. I have strengths in developing the potential of individuals and teams through authentic leadership, and in using the analysis of data to provide information to drive quality improvement. I pay attention to detail, am flexible and can work under pressure to tight deadlines.

Current rôles

- educational consultancy, specialising in sixth form provision, leadership and governance
- chair of governors of Mayfield special school
- member of the OCR Strategic Advisory Board
- volunteer driver for the Cumbria Voluntary Car Service.
- treasurer and trustee of the Parochial Church Council of St. Paul's Church, Irton
- treasurer and trustee of West Cumbria Dyslexia Association
- listening volunteer, shift leader and property manager for the Samaritans of West Cumbria

most recent post

Sept. 2010 to July 2016

Barrow-in-Furness Sixth Form College

Principal and Chief Executive Officer

Responsibility for:

- determining, with the board, the educational character and ethos of the college
- students' academic progress and success, safeguarding and well-being
- human resources, including recruitment and dealing with under-performance
- accountable officer for a budget of £~4m, financial controls and budgeting
- health and safety, maintaining and developing the college estate for learning
- representing the college in local and national organisations and partnerships
- oversight of curriculum development and the quality assurance processes
- oversight of management information and information technology systems

I left the college graded good by Ofsted and improving year-on-year with its best ever A level results and excellent progress made by students. The size of the sixth form meant it was not regarded as financially viable and I retired on merging the college with a local GFE college to ensure its financial security and to secure the provision of good quality academic sixth form education for the local community.

employment history

Sept. 2002 to Aug. 2010

Cadbury College, Birmingham

Vice Principal (acting as Principal from Sept. 2008 to Aug. 2009)

Responsibility for:

- quality improvement and curriculum management
- risk management
- learning resources, additional learning support and IT services
- servicing of the corporation's audit and quality committees
- college nominee for Ofsted inspections
- liaison regarding neighbourhood policing and Preventing Violent Extremism
- oversight of compliance with data protection and Freedom of Information acts

Sept. 1993 to Aug. 2002

Itchen College, Southampton

**Student Data and Examinations Manager (from Sept. 1996) and
Course Manager for Physics, Electronics and GCSE Science (to August 1996)**

Jan. 1990 to Aug. 1993

The Weald School, Billingshurst

**Deputy Head of Science and Head of Physics and
Cross-Curricular IT Resources Manager**

employment history contd.	Sept. 1985 to Dec. 1989 King Edward VI College, Nuneaton Teacher of Physics and latterly IT Co-ordinator Jan. to Sept. 1981 and University holidays Chessell Limited, Worthing Student Engineer
recent rôles	• member of the Cumbria strategic group for post-16 learning • a director of Furness Education Collaborative, a partnership between schools and colleges in Furness which aims to be mutually supportive and make a reality of a self-improving education system for the benefit of the young people of Furness. • member of the management committee of the South Cumbria Pupil Referral Service and chair of their standards, teaching and learning committee • member of the Court of the University of Lancaster • member (until recently, founding Chairman) of Cumbria Aspires, a partnership between schools to raise the aspirations of young people in a disadvantaged region of Cumbria, to encourage the academically most able to aim for higher education at prominent, research led universities and secure apprenticeships and skilled employment with prestigious local employers • secretary to the Furness Education and Skills Partnership, which aims to bring employers and schools together to help develop employability skills
interests	I am a church bell-ringer at St. Paul's Church, Irton and have rung quarter peals on church bells. I am also a reader at church and manage the sound system. I have enjoyed designing, rigging and running lighting for school and college dramatic and operatic productions. I enjoy walking on the seashore and in the valleys and on the fells near where I live in the western lake district. I play table tennis and tennis socially. I am learning to dance (Argentine tango, ballroom and Latin) and am a member of the flat green bowling club. I am learning to draw and paint at an art class.
education	Tarring High School, Worthing (1973-1978) I gained eight O levels (including five at grade A (English, mathematics and the three sciences) and two modern foreign languages) and one AO level at grade A in mathematics. Worthing Sixth Form College (1978-1980) I gained four A levels (physics, mathematics, further mathematics and chemistry) all at grade A and was awarded two distinctions in special papers in mathematics and physics. I obtained a certificate in the "use of English" and gained an entrance exhibition to Churchill College, Cambridge in the Cambridge entrance examinations. Churchill College, Cambridge (1981-1984) I was awarded an M.A. in February 1988 following a B.A. in 1984. I read for the Natural Sciences tripos (experimental physics). Homerton College, Cambridge (1984-1985) I gained the Post-Graduate Certificate in Education (secondary science (physics) and mathematics) of the University of Cambridge Other qualifications include: • TDLB Assessor Awards (D32 and D33) • Handling radioactive sources • C&G radio amateurs examination and full amateur radio licence • Clean driving licence
professional development	I have been trained in safeguarding at levels one, two and three and also in safer recruiting and preventing radicalisation. I have participated in various ongoing training for my rôles as a Samaritans volunteer and as a governor.