

Leadership & Management ahead of, and during, the inspection Dave Harding Vice Principal Barnsley College

Barnsley College – Our Journey



2010 - Effectiveness of provision, Capacity to make and sustain improvement, Outcomes for Learners, Quality of Provision and Leadership & Management (all graded as Outstanding)

2007 – Effectiveness of provision (Satisfactory)

2005 – College (coming out of recovery) classified as satisfactory in a re-inspection following an unsatisfactory inspection in 2003

Belief



- Create an environment where all staff believe the College is outstanding
 - As a Senior Management Team make a commitment to achieve outstanding
 - Set an example to staff 'walk the walk'
 - Be proud of your College
 - Support staff in improving the provision support the vision by action
 - Create an ownership culture
 - Don't accept satisfactory!

Knowledge



- Know the Common Inspection Framework
 - An overview for all staff
 - Relevant detail
- Know your organisation's strengths
 - Evidence of strengths?
- Know your organisation's areas for development
 - Actions already on-going to address them?
 - What outcomes do you expect/demand?

Planning (longer term)



Allocate responsibilities/accountabilities

- Share them!
- Themes/sub-themes, curriculum
- Staff development
- Act and address areas of concern
 - Monitored action plans, focus spend, staff development
- Prepare staff/students for inspection
 - Lesson observations, student meetings
- Build up a strong evidence base
 - Current, relevant, evidence of impact

Planning (short term)



- Clarity of roles of all staff
 - Responsibility, requirement/expectation
- Briefings and walkthrough
 - Staff, students, externals
- Vet all documentation
 - Currency, accuracy, relevance, risk
- Planning a timetable of events
 - Focus, showcase strengths, evidence impact

During Inspection



- Everyone is involved
- Take a lead
- Be open with inspectors and talk to them!
- Communicate with each other
 - Evenings, after any meeting, when anything appears significant!
- Use evidence to address any arising issues
- Be calm, focused and concentrate!



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