



**Sarah Dixon, KS3 Manager,
Westbury Special School**

- Special Educational Needs
- SEBD
- Behaviour Management



“I am passionate about disseminating the knowledge and experience I have gained from working with challenging young people who present a wide range of learning and behaviour difficulties, for the benefit of staff and students across the city. I see system leadership as a two- way process and am motivated by the opportunity to share good practice, ideas and innovation with colleagues from other schools.”

Sarah has been working in Special Educational Needs Provision in Nottingham City schools for 13 years. She leads the KS3 department in a Special School for boys with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties. The school has outstanding outcomes as a Special School at Key Stage 4 and Sarah has contributed greatly to this success through her management of work in Key Stage 3, developing the curriculum in order to engage reluctant learners and promoting innovation order to enable the most challenging youngsters in Nottingham to make considered life choices and succeed at school.

She has developed a range of behaviour management tools which enable her and her team to maximise the potential of the youngsters they work with. This has led to pupils at the school making significant improvements to their behaviour, thus raising the achievements and aspirations of troubled youngsters from across the city.

Sarah is able to offer tailored, specialist support for school leadership to raise standards of behaviour across school and develop curriculum change in order to engage challenging young people in order to enable them to take responsibility for their behaviour.

