Specialist Schools and Academies Trust
THE SCHOOLS NETWORK™

Successful partnerships with specialist schools and academies

ACADEMIES arts colleges Business & Enterprise Engineering humanities LANGUAGE COLLEGES Maths & Computing music colleges Science SEN SPECIALIST SCHOOLS SPORTS COLLEGES TECHNOLOGY COLLEGES APPLIED LEARNING

Background

- Not-for-profit charitable trust
- Membership, charged-for-services, contracts, sponsorship
- Raising standards
- Facilitate Specialist Schools and Academies Programmes
- Networks of schools (and others)

Importance of working with HEIs

- Social mobility
- Academic links
- Teaching and learning
- Information, Advice and Guidance
- Student transition and retention
- Joint work with communities
- Trusts and Academies
- Employability and skills

Educated in private schools:
42% of leading scientists and academics
54% journalists
51% medics
70% judges

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Contexts for partnerships

- **Enhancing specialism / curriculum enrichment**
- **Improving teaching and learning**
- **Reciprocal staff development**
- **Research**
- **Governance and sponsorship**
- **Student progression and transition**
- **Widening participation / social mobility**
- **Community outreach / community cohesion**
- **Employer engagement - skills & employability**

HE affiliation network

- Began in 2006
- 48 affiliates
- University-wide benefits

SSAT HE Work

- **Conference**
- **Steering Group**
- **Training and resources to support HE-related IAG**
- **Promote effective partnership working**

  (Quality mark – Advanced Partnerships Award)
- **Events, seminars, sharing good practice**

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Successful partnerships

- **Institutional ethos**
- **Strategically planned**
- **Embedded and sustainable**
- **Mutually beneficial**
- **Clear objectives**
- **Measured, monitored, evaluated**
- **Range of contexts (academic; progression; T & L; wider community)**