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Born in Durham City, I went to university in Sunderland achieving a 1st class degree in English. I have spent my whole teaching career – some 24 years – in sixth form colleges country-wide. I started my career at Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College in Darlington and have returned to my native north-east to take Stockton Sixth Form College on a journey to ‘Outstanding’. Since 2009 I was Principal at Winstanley College in Wigan, a large over-subscribed sixth form college which is rated outstanding in all areas by Ofsted. In 2012 the college was awarded the accolade of Sixth Form College of the Year by The Sunday Times. My passion is for inspirational teaching and learning. I ardently believe in the value of sixth form colleges as providing high quality, good value education. I took up post as Principal of Stockton Sixth Form College in August of this year and I am eager to work closely with The Grangefield Academy to our mutual benefit. I have an affinity with the north east region, the challenges it faces and the importance of education to its regeneration and future prosperity. I seek to remove barriers to progress and raise aspirations of all young people in the localities within which I work and have a determination to provide the conditions in which all students can achieve and exceed their potential. I will be leading on Teaching and Learning.