



#### Who we are:

Valley Learning is a Strategic Learning Partnership created to formalise collaboration between groups of schools in Calderdale and neighbouring areas.

The two founding schools are Brighouse High School and The Brooksbank School in Elland.

The SLP was incorporated as a trust with charitable status on 1st July 2019.

#### Our offer:

The work of Valley Learning falls into 3 broad categories:

**School Improvement.** The SLP is creating capacity for schools to support each other on their improvement journey. A strong curriculum which demonstrates ambition, challenge, breadth and opportunity will be a common feature of Valley schools. Our partners will share values and be passionate about developing the 'character' of pupils.

**Staff training and development.** Valley Learning is a provider for initial teacher training via a School Direct partnership with Huddersfield University. The SLP supports a programme of high quality training and coaching for staff and provides opportunities for staff development in all areas of school life. Staff well-being is important to us and is something we continually promote and strive to keep at the fore.

**Business and efficiency.** Schools can benefit both in terms of finance and efficiency by adopting a collaborative approach to the business functions, facilities and services. Being more efficient in these areas means that schools can be more responsive to need and can focus important resources on delivering excellent provision to pupils.

#### Our People:

The Valley Learning Partnership is led by a Board of Trustees who bring a range of skill sets from a variety of settings including education and higher education (University of Huddersfield), health, finance and business. The trustees share a common purpose of working to further the educational opportunities available to the young people of Calderdale and West Yorkshire and to supporting partner schools to maintain excellent standards.

The Director of Valley Learning is Liz Cresswell; she is a former Headteacher and has a breadth of experience in educational leadership and management, governance and inspection. Liz believes firmly that schools can achieve more when they work together as a community.

#### Find out more:

If you are interested in knowing more about The Valley Learning Partnership, in the first instance, please contact Liz Cresswell (Director) for an informal conversation. We are interested in forging partnerships with schools who share our values and can bring capacity to the SLP. At this early stage new partners would have a chance to shape the future growth.

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