



Jane Daniels, St James' CE Academy case study

When Jane first came to St James' Academy in 2007, a key area of development for the pupils was writing. She felt she needed to find a way to inspire the children to write for a real purpose. She had already heard about the work of Hull Children's University through other colleagues and decided that this provided an opportunity to raise aspirations, provide pupils with an experience of the world of work and provide a foundation for writing for a real purpose. She met with John Butterick shortly after arriving at St James, and has been working with the Hull Children's University ever since.

Jane has found that the Hull Children's University experiences opens doors to opportunities and companies that her school would otherwise struggle to access. The modules are well designed, organised and risk assessed which means they can participate in the confidence that their pupils will achieve maximum benefit from the many different experience on offer.

The experiences are always a hit with pupils and staff alike. Jane has seen a positive impact on outcomes since working with the Hull Children's University especially around areas of development that are difficult to measure, such as raising aspiration and self-esteem, developing confidence and broadening horizons. On top of this, teachers are always eager to take up opportunities to work with the Hull Children's University as they provide the chance to further develop classroom learning in a unique way. Jane has actively encouraged other head teachers to get involved with the charity as a result of the fantastic experience she has had.