



World Class Schools Quality Mark (WCSQM)

WCSQM Associate

WCSQM Mission Statement

WCSQM awards a quality mark to non-selective state schools offering the best education to young people in England and Wales. Unlike other national assessment frameworks, we assess the student and not the school, against a framework of skills and competencies young people need to flourish in an emerging global economy. Through unique real-life work experiences, access to a lifelong peer support network and cultural opportunities that take them beyond their local community, we give world class students the confidence to overcome socio-economic barriers to recognise and achieve their potential.

Strapline

World Class Students Make...World Class Schools

Context

WCSQM

- was founded in 2014 with eight 'early adopter' secondary schools
- became a charity on January 24th 2018

Associate role

A WCSQM Associate is a highly prestigious role. An Associate is an exemplary World Class practitioner at one of the WCSQM schools, who is an active participant in the WCSQM network, and ensures students at their school are similarly active.

The role of a WCSQM Associate is to

- develop best practice using WCSQM to continually improve
- share best practice with colleagues from other World Class schools through the WCSQM Associate network
- where appropriate, lead and participate in new WCSQM initiatives
- feature in WCSQM publicity
- keep up to date with WCSQM developments and initiatives
- champion, and promote WCSQM
- advise WCSQM and the board of trustees on how the charity can act in the best interest of its schools network

to ensure student ambassadors from their school

- play an active role in the WCSQM alumni association
- promote WCSQM
- participate in WCSQM opportunities, such as WCSQM assessment and competitions

- be part of our outreach WCSQM alumni team who go out and speak to students at prospective WCSQM schools

Benefits of role

- World Class opportunities to network with some of the best practitioners in the country
- Free CPD
- Prestige
- The right to use the WCSQM Associate logo as a signature in all communications and social media
- Improving the life chances through the WCSQM charity of students across the country
- The opportunity to shape and improve the WCSQM charity so that it provides the best support for schools and students
- Be involved at the inception of a new and exciting initiative

WCSQM Associate network

- The network will be led by [Danielle Finlay](#), our first Associate, who leads the WCSQM initiative at one of our lead schools [Sandringham](#). Danielle is passionate about how to interpret what World Class means for students in the current climate and how to support students to make meaning of what being world class means for them. Danielle also works closely with teams to ensure that 'world class' becomes an embedded standard within a school, to ensure that all aspects of a student's education continually grows, driven by staff and students, for students.

To find out more about joining us as a WCSQM Associate you can contact Danielle directly on danielle.finlay@worldclass-schools.org.