# ONE OF OUR OWN introduces LYNN LLOYD

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Lynn Lloyd is an Education Advisor for Excell.

Lynn's Additional Learning Needs (ALN) and Safeguarding specialisms have been shaped by a vast amount of experience in the classroom and senior school leadership.

A kind and outstanding professional, Lynn is available to all Excell supply teachers, teaching assistants and cover supervisors for any advice and guidance relating to any aspect of ALN and Safeguarding.

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#### **EXPERIENCE TO DATE**

Having achieved qualified teacher status in 1985, I started my career in a secondary school in Cheshire, moving to Wrexham after 4 years. I have since worked in 3 Wrexham secondary schools holding positions as Second in English, Head of English and Assistant Headteacher. I finished my full-time teaching career as Deputy Headteacher with specific responsibility for Safeguarding, Behaviour Management and Pastoral. I currently work for Excell as a part-time Education Advisor, as well as providing Literacy Intervention in a

secondary school 2 days a week for Excell.

#### **SPECIALISMS**

English.

#### **EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY**

I believe that every child deserves to receive the best experience schools can provide, regardless of their background or ability. The opportunity to guide the next generation is a unique privilege for teachers.

# FAVOURITE TEACHER FROM SCHOOL

I feel fortunate that I had so many excellent teachers, but my favourite was Miss Williams, my English Literature A Level teacher. She was so passionate about literature and shared her love of the written word with us, making every lesson enjoyable and interesting. Miss Williams cared that, as well as being skilled in analysing texts, we also enjoyed them.

# GREATEST CLASSROOM ACHIEVEMENT

I feel very happy that I achieved positive outcomes with many individual pupils during my 35-year career and hopefully made a difference. However, I think my greatest achievement is finishing my full-time teaching career still loving the profession and enjoying the job, despite all its challenges.

# MOST ENJOYABLE ASPECT OF TEACHING

The most enjoyable aspect of teaching for me is working with young people and doing a job where no two days are the same.

#### PROFESSIONAL ASPIRATIONS

My only aspiration is to do the best job I can for Excell and the staff and pupils I work with.

# IF I COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT THE PROFESSION

A lot of teachers can burn out after a few years and become disillusioned with the profession because of the huge workload. A better work life balance needs to be built into the profession so that good teachers do not choose to leave.

### FUNNIEST CLASSROOM MOMENT

As a young teacher in my first job, I was so pleased to be able to buy a new car. On the first day I took my new car to school, I was spotted parking it by a group of my Y11 pupils who complimented me on my choice. Later that day whilst teaching on the first floor, I spotted an identical car driving past, coming from the direction of the school car park. In a panic, I left my Y11 group and raced to the car park to discover my car parked exactly where I had left it. Returning to the classroom, it was obvious that the pupils knew exactly what I had been thinking!

# MOST EMBARRASING CLASSROOM MOMENT

My most embarrassing moment happened a few years ago on the school corridor, not in a classroom. On a wet, miserable January morning, I was walking along the corridor just after the bell had gone. Walking very carefully on the slippery floors, I had just turned a corner when two Y10 boys, late for registration, raced around the corner behind me. One boy slipped and took

my legs from under me causing me to fall backwards. I had a soft landing as I found myself prostrate on top of the boy. As I rolled off him, not injured at all, I asked if he was ok. A timid, "Sorry Miss," was the response. Needless to say, I phoned home to inform parents, hoping he hadn't suffered any crush injuries!

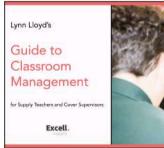
#### **PASTIMES**

I love reading and now I have more time to read for pleasure rather than for work. I also enjoy walking my beautiful, bouncy black Labrador, exploring our wonderful countryside. What others may find surprising about me is that I am a Black Belt in Shotokan karate.

# THE BEST THING ABOUT WORKING FOR EXCELL

Since joining in September, I have found Excell to be an extremely friendly and supportive organisation. The company are quick to acknowledge hard work and success. They also appreciate the importance of providing support for Excell staff, having 3 Education Advisors to guide and advise. The Account Managers and Compliance Team are extremely efficient, helpful and knowledgeable in their fields.

Read Lynn's comprehensive but very accessible *Guide to Classroom Management* at Excell's Training Zone.





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