



## Biography for Tom Clark, CBE, FRSA



Tom Clark is an Associate Director of the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust, and was formerly Principal and Chief Executive of George Spencer Foundation School and Technology College in Nottingham, England. He is also an executive director of the Foundation and Aided Schools National Association, which promotes school autonomy and self-governance in the UK.

Whilst Tom was Principal of George Spencer School, it became a Training and Development Agency Government-Designated 'Recommending Body' accrediting the training of new teachers, and a DCFS School in the Government's 'Leading Edge' programme in the UK sharing innovative and best practice with other schools, nationally. George Spencer School received two 'outstanding' (Office for Standards in Education -Ofsted) inspection reports, and showed continuous examination improvement for 13 consecutive years and achieved 'best-ever results' for 17 out of 21 years making it a nationally high-achieving school.

At the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust, Tom co-authored the 'developing leaders' programmes developing teachers with the potential to become school leaders, and led and co-wrote the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust Aspirant Headteacher programme which prepares Deputy School Principals for the role of School Principal in England, Hong Kong, and Australia. He also wrote two Government-sponsored booklets: 'Beyond Study Leave' and 'Benchmarking and Financial Planning: a guide for schools'.

Tom has supported the development of the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust's international networks (iNet) in Hong Kong, Australia, and the United States, where he leads the project. In addition, he advises the Prime Minister's Policy Unit and The Training and Development Agency in the UK. Tom is also a governor of Greenwood Dale Technology College in Nottingham, England, and an advisor to the Hong Kong Baptist University Affiliated Wong Kam Fai Secondary and Primary School. Tom is a Trustee of the West Bromwich Albion Soccer Club community programme in England, and was made a 'Commander of the British Empire' (CBE) for services to education in 2003. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in 2000.