

Associate

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“To create and inspire we must engage with information – but first we have to find it”



There is a particularly celebrated quote in school librarian circles that goes, 'Data is not information, information is not knowledge, knowledge is not understanding, understanding is not wisdom'.

For Sarah, a school librarian since 1992 in the state and independent sectors as well as a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, this sums up the challenge facing everyone involved in education today.

And it is a challenge that Sarah relishes.

With 800 new websites coming online each day not to mention the wealth of books, new and old, at our disposal both online and on the shelves, the role of the school librarian as the gatekeeper to the written word has never been more important.

But to rise to the challenge the librarian must take his or her place side by side with the other educational professionals in our schools. Sarah will show you how.

Here is an outline of some of the topics Sarah currently offers:

- **Honesty Counts.** A session for all staff on the importance of Academic Honesty and avoiding plagiarism. A mixture of facts and learning through games that can be used with students.
- **Perfect Essays.** A session for 6th form students who may be undertaking EPQ, IB Diploma Extended Essay or Cambridge Pre U. This covers time management, planning and research question choice, finding and evaluating information, composition, referencing and presentation to maximise the chances of a good grade. The session is based around games and exercises and is suitable for groups of up to 40 students at a time.
- **What does Independent Learning feel like?** A session for staff or students which helps participants to understand the mind shift needed for independent learning as opposed to learning facts. Through exercises using visual literacy and puzzles you will learn how to think laterally and creatively, to arouse curiosity in your research and to embrace tenacity for a storming finish!
- **Beyond Google and Power-Point.** This session for staff and students considers alternative search engines to Google that may yield different information or information presented in a different style.
- **Engaging readers.** Reading for pleasure is now part of the National Curriculum in English and is a criteria looked at in OFSTED inspections. Research has shown that reading for pleasure enhances opportunities and can lead to higher grades in examinations through a better command of vocabulary.
- **Research your subject.** This session for students and/or staff focusses on subject specific research. There will be a look at how to find resources both in print form, online and mobile others so that it is understandable.
- **WOW! Library promotion.** This session is for librarians or staff with responsibility for the library resources. This session covers making eye-catching interactive displays, author visits (both real and virtual), competitions and games for specific events such as World Book Day and World Poetry Day, promoting resources and services through social media, websites, apps, brochures and posters ...a fun interactive session to make library users and visitors say "WOW!".

Books written by Sarah Pavey:

- *The Innovative School Librarian*
- *There is Another Way* (contributor)
- *The Working Class* (contributor)

Sarah has been with Independent Thinking since August 2014.

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