



# World Class Schools Quality Mark (WCSQM)

## WCSQM Symposium 2019 - Press Release

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, King Egbert School (KES) in Sheffield will be hosting WCSQM's annual Symposium. The event provides an opportunity for headteachers, CEOs, deputy headteachers, senior teachers and students from World Class accredited schools across the country to share ideas and learn from each other during a day packed with workshops, presentations and networking opportunities.

The theme for this year's Symposium will be 'World Class Creativity', with schools and high profile partner organisations coming together to debate, celebrate and share ideas and best practice for World Class creative curriculums.

250 delegates made up of around 50 CEOs/Headteachers, 100 school staff and 100 World Class students from around 55 World Class schools UK-wide will come together for:

- A keynote talk from Miles Tandy, Head of Professional Development at the Royal Shakespeare Company
- A keynote talk from Robert Hastie, Artistic Director at Sheffield Theatres
- Presentations, workshops and creative performances hosted by World Class accredited schools and partner organisations including OM Interactive, Sheffield Music Hub and the National Society for Education in Art & Design
- A networking session for CEOs and Headteachers to come together to create a blueprint for creativity in the curriculum, for submission to Secretary of State for Education, Damian Hinds.
- A tour of KES's unique learning space
- An Awards Ceremony to recognise newly accrediting special schools, and re-accrediting World Class secondary schools.

WCSQM is all about the students. World Class King Egbert School Ambassadors will be helping to run, the day and attending students and WCSQM alumni will benefit from the wide range of events and networking opportunities available. The WCSQM Alumni Association gives all students attending and supporting WCSQM events the opportunity to become and remain a member of an association that allows them to build relationships with their World Class peers, and to access unique and invaluable educational and work experiences. WCSQM alumni are offered lifetime membership, and many members continue to benefit from their World Class status long after they have left their World Class accredited school. For special schools and re-accrediting schools, the students will also be accepting their accreditation plaque on behalf of their school.

*"We are 'putting our money where our mouth is' with this Symposium. It is genuinely, not tokenistically, run by the students. Every student here, and any student that has worked with us and will work with us at WCSQM is*

*automatically a member of our World Class Alumni Association. We are going to make sure that this association becomes a national force to be reckoned with..”* Miranda Perry, Director, WCSQM

*“Thank you so much for letting us be part of a project and accreditation that lifts spirits, builds confidence and the self belief of our young people!”* David Lisowski, Headteacher, Riverbank Academy

### Information on WCSQM

WCSQM is a UK charity working to accredit non-selective, Ofsted outstanding state schools across the UK with our quality mark accreditation. Accreditation is valid for two years, and at the event’s Awards Ceremony, 14 secondary schools will be collecting their award for re-accreditation, having proven their World Class status against the challenging WCSQM framework over a sustained period of time. We re-accredit every two years because we want to maintain quality. If the school does not re-accredit, the school is no longer World Class. We have also worked closely with some of the best special schools in the country to trial a new WCSQM special school framework and we’re delighted to be accrediting two fantastic special schools on the day.

### Notes

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World Class Schools Quality Mark is a UK charity. We are made up of some of the best non-selective state schools in the country. We are an award making body, which awards schools our quality mark according to whether the schools’ students can demonstrate the skills and competencies of our assessment framework.

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### The 2019 WCSQM Re-accrediting schools

- The Charter School North Dulwich
- Featherstone High School
- Beckfoot School
- Coloma Convent Girls’ School
- St Albans Girls’ School
- St Clement Danes School
- The Farnley Academy
- President Kennedy School
- Ivybridge Community College

- St Andrew’s Catholic School
- The Morley Academy
- George Spencer Academy
- Sir Jonathan North Community College
- Weydon School
- Wymondham College

### The 2019 accrediting Special Schools

- Riverbank Academy
- Piper Hill High School