



# R.E.A.L

**Re-thinking Engagement  
& Approaches to Learning**

## National Teaching Assistant Awards 2020



**Nomination for: Beth Farnsworth**

"Beth is an inspirational STA. She works with pupils who are often 'lost to education'. Throughout the year, Beth's attendance is excellent and she has been working 1.1 with some learners and facilitating small group sessions for learners. Her planning is exemplary and she is able to engage all her learners at their appropriate level. She is very creative and her activities are engaging yet purposeful. Beth ensures that all her learners make progress in her sessions and has the ability to adapt her activity to ensure positive engagement. Beth has the ability to develop excellent relationships with all her learners and families. She works with some incredibly complex and challenging learners and although they can be reluctant to engage, Beth provides a routine to the session to ensure they feel safe and empowered to engage. Beth has a very insightful understanding of SEND and is always looking to help her learners develop and use strategies to self regulate their own emotions and behaviours. During the Covid 19 situation, Beth continued to provide 1.1 sessions for her learners due to their vulnerability and to ensure progress was maintained. She worked with two year 9 learners to ensure they both achieved their L1 functional skills qualifications and had a positive transition into Key stage 4. She also worked with a year 11 learner to ensure he completed his accreditation and ensured a positive transition into college. Beth is very reflective and will always be looking to improve her knowledge and performance to further achieve excellence. Beth is a very valued member of our staff team and thoroughly deserves this nomination. Beth has a "can do" attitude and will always put the needs of her learner first. She also works for the befriending side of our company so provides out of school activities for our vulnerable learners. She attended a recent residential which provided an opportunity for our learners to stay away from home for the first time. She is willing to give her own time for extra curricular activities.



**Nomination Made by: Alison Wellings**