Challenge Partners Hub Descriptions

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Ambition North Hub	Ambition North Hub is a Challenge Partners Hub of Collaboration located in the West of England, with schools spanning Gloucestershire, Swindon, and Wiltshire. Led by Ashton Keynes Church of England Primary School, the Hub consists of 10 schools, including 4 secondary, 5 primary, and 1 special. The Hub's central focus is on strengthening leadership clarity and accountability at all levels and increasing middle leader impact through the Middle Leaders Quality Assurance Review programme. They are also focused on staff wellbeing - particularly during Ofsted - building social capital, and providing CPD opportunities.
Ambition South Hub	Ambition South Hub is a Challenge Partners Hub of Collaboration located in the South of England, with schools spanning Hampshire, Portsmouth, the Isle of Wight, and Wiltshire. Led by Springfield School, the Hub consists of 15 schools, including 5 secondary and 10 primary schools. The Hub is currently focusing on providing staff CPD to strengthen inclusive and adaptive support mechanisms for disadvantaged pupils. They are also focused on improving teaching quality, as well as strengthening leadership clarity and middle leader accountability through the Middle Leaders Quality Assurance Review programme.
Aspire Hub	Aspire Hub is a Challenge Partners Hub of Collaboration located in the North West of England, with schools spanning from Manchester to Liverpool. Led by Forward as One Trust, the Hub consists of 52 schools across mixed phases. The Hub's latest focus is around strengthening leadership clarity and middle leader accountability through the Middle Leaders Quality Assurance Review programme, as well as supporting the professional development of teaching assistant staff who work with pupils with complex needs. They are also focusing on pupil and parent engagement through the use of ImpactEd reports.
Aylesbury Vale Hub	Aylesbury Vale Hub is a Challenge Partners Hub of Collaboration located in Buckinghamshire, with schools spanning from Aylesbury to High Wycombe. Led by Aylesbury Grammar School, the Hub consists of 5 primary and 2 secondary schools. The Hub's latest focus has been supporting middle leaders to become even more effective as subject leaders through the Middle Leaders Quality Assurance Review programme. Additionally, they are focusing on leveraging AI to improve efficiency and reduce teacher workload, as well as increasing staff wellbeing by supporting leadership teams to create better working environments, and boost student outcomes.

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Beacon Hub	Beacon Hub is a Challenge Partners Hub of Collaboration located in the South of England, with schools spanning Hampshire and West Sussex. Led by Redwood Park Academy, the Hub consists of 8 special schools. The Hub's latest focus is on the launch of the Middle Leaders Quality Assurance Review programme. They are also seeking to ensure successful participation in, and facilitation of, school Quality Assurance Reviews and subsequent school-to-school support.
Brighton and Hove Hub	Brighton and Hove Hub is a Challenge Partners Hub of Collaboration located in East Sussex. The Hub is led by Varndean School and consists of 9 secondary schools. The Hub's latest focus is around providing CPD opportunities that target improvements for SEND students and those facing financial barriers. Additionally, they coordinate knowledge exchange peer review days and carousel events to create space for challenge and sharing best practice.
Camden Hub	Camden Hub is a Challenge Partners Hub of Collaboration located in North London, with schools spanning in and around Camden. Led by Fitzjohn's Primary School, the Hub consists of 9 primary schools. Hub activity last year included hosting expert speakers to talk about different aspects of the new Ofsted framework.
Charter School Educational Trust Hub	Charter School Educational Trust Hub is operated by The Charter Schools Educational Trust, for schools within the trust.
Chrysalis Hub	Chrysalis Hub is a Challenge Partners Hub of Collaboration located in North West London, with schools spanning in and around this area. Led by Claremont High School, the Hub consists of 12 schools, including 8 secondary and 4 primary. The Hub's latest focus is on language, literacy, and oracy across the curriculum. They are also focusing on inclusive classroom practice for SEND and EAL, developing whole school inclusion, and middle leader development through the Middle Leaders Quality Assurance Review programme.
Compass Hub	Compass Hub is a Challenge Partners Hub of Collaboration located across West London. Led by Pinkwell Primary and Gifford Primary Schools, the Hub consists of 14 primary schools. The Hub's latest focus is on supporting middle leader development through the Middle Leaders Quality Assurance Review programme. Additionally, they promote knowledge exchange by driving peer support on identified Areas of Excellence and provide training for new senior leaders on the Quality Assurance Review.
Compton Hub	Compton Hub is a Challenge Partners Hub of Collaboration located across North and North West London, Hertfordshire, and Bedfordshire. Led by The Compton School, the Hub consists of 12 secondary schools. The Hub's latest focus is on the mechanics of professional development, disciplinary literacy, the emerging use of AI in schools, positive behaviour for learning, and curriculum design. They are also focusing on attendance, SEND training for all staff, Higher Prior Attainers, and adaptive teaching and inclusion.
Cornwall Hub	Cornwall Hub is a Challenge Partners Hub of Collaboration located in South West England, with schools in Cornwall. The Hub consists of 2 primary schools. The Hub's focus last year included inviting expert speakers for cross-Cornwall workshops centred on topics including

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	SEND inclusion, delivering great teaching, and running excellent professional development.
East London Hub	East London Hub is a Challenge Partners Hub of Collaboration located in and around East London. Led by Mulberry Academy Shoreditch, the Hub consists of 13 schools, including 3 primary and 10 secondary. The Hub's latest focus is around sharing best practice in adaptive teaching across a variety of subject areas, implementing middle leader development in core subjects through the Middle Leaders Quality Assurance Review programme, and developing a bank of strengths to build middle and senior leadership networks.
East Midlands South Hub	East Midlands South Hub is a Challenge Partners Hub of Collaboration located in Leicester and the surrounding areas. Led by The Mead Educational Trust, the Hub currently consists of 36 schools, including primary, secondary, and special phases. Last year, the Hub focused on aligning meetings, development days, and professional learning with core School Improvement Plan priorities. Expert-led webinars delivered guidance on core priorities such as transformational leadership, literacy strategy, teaching consistency, and inclusive education. Additionally, the Hub advanced middle leadership development through the Middle Leaders Quality Assurance Review framework.
Empower Hub	Empower Hub is a Challenge Partners Hub of Collaboration consisting of 11 special and Alternative Provision schools. Led by Swiss Cottage School, the Hub is based in and around London. Their focus last year was on middle leadership development, including running the Middle Leaders Quality Assurance Review programme.
Impact Alliance Hub	Impact Alliance Hub is a Challenge Partners Hub of Collaboration located across Bromley, Croydon, Greenwich, Hackney, Hammersmith and Fulham, Kent, Kingston upon Thames, and Lambeth. Led by Hayes School, the Hub consists of 28 schools of mixed phases. The Hub's latest focus is on developing pedagogy, including adaptive teaching focused on understanding and meeting needs, as well as reading and writing. They are also focusing on the effective use of AI in the classroom by teachers and developing strategic use of AI in school leadership. Another focus is strengthening leadership clarity and middle leader accountability through Middle Leaders Quality Assurance Reviews, as well as supporting attendance in sixth form schools, and supporting students with complex needs.
Kent and Medway Hub	Kent and Medway Hub is a new Challenge Partners Hub of Collaboration located across Kent and Medway. Led by the University of Kent Academies Trust (UKAT) and Chatham Grammar, the Hub consists of 5 secondary schools. As a leading academy with a strong track record of performance, together with UKAT's strategic link to the University of Kent, the Hub offers visionary leadership for local partner schools to collaborate, innovate, and drive regional excellence. The Kent and Medway Hub presents a unique opportunity for local schools to help shape the Hub's early direction and ensure every child achieves their full potential.
Lighthouse Hub	Lighthouse Hub is operated by Lighthouse Schools Partnership Trust for schools within the trust.

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London Special and AP Hub	London Special and AP Hub is a Challenge Partners virtual Hub of Collaboration with schools spanning across the country. Led by The Bridge MAT, the Hub consists of 71 special and Alternative Provision schools. The Hub's recent focus is on knowledge exchange in response to sector reform within special settings and facilitating school collaboration on specific projects. The Hub also hosts a face-to-face conference for leaders to collaborate, share practice, and hear from sector experts.
Midlands Primary Jubilee Network Hub	The Midlands Primary Jubilee Network Hub is a Challenge Partners Hub of Collaboration located in and around the West Midlands. Led by Stoke Heath Primary School, the Hub consists of 13 primary schools. The Hub's latest focus is on networking and leadership at all levels, developing attendance strategies and sharing best practice. Additionally, they focus on ensuring leadership knowledge of the latest writing framework and developing confidence and knowledge of SEND - both at a SEND Support Level and high level SEND.
Midlands Secondary Jubilee Network Hub	Midlands Secondary Jubilee Network Hub is a Challenge Partners Hub of Collaboration with schools spanning across Leicestershire, Birmingham, and Warwickshire. Led by Beaumont Leys School, the Hub consists of 10 secondary schools. The Hub's latest focus is on strengthening strategic leadership through collaboration, deepening a school culture of inclusive classrooms through learning and teaching, as well as developing collaborative enquiry and evidence-informed improvement around their school improvement priorities.
North East Mainstream Hub	North East Mainstream Hub is a Challenge Partners Hub of Collaboration spanning from Northumberland to Darlington. The Hub consists of 4 schools of mixed phases. The Hub runs the Middle Leaders Quality Assurance Review to develop cross-Hub middle leadership through peer reviews, as well as a development day for networking and leadership skill development.
North East Special Hub	North East Special Hub is a Challenge Partners Hub of Collaboration located in the North East, with schools spanning from North Yorkshire to Sunderland. Led by Mowbray School, the Hub consists of 12 special schools. The Hub's latest focus is on the implementation of the Middle Leaders Quality Assurance Review programme and providing an evidence-based Middle Leadership Quality Evaluation and Action Plan for each school within the Hub, cascading the quality assurance approach to leaders across the Hub.
Shared Horizons Hub	Shared Horizons Hub is a Challenge Partners Hub of Collaboration located in London and the surrounding areas, with schools focused in Brent, Ealing, and Harrow. Led by Manor School, the Hub consists of 8 special schools. Last year, the Hub focused on four key areas: Improving pupil oracy outcomes, strengthening middle leadership, deepening understanding of the new Ofsted toolkit, and developing the quality of teaching, learning, and leadership across the partnership, with a focus on writing.
South East London Hub	South East London Hub is a Challenge Partners Hub of Collaboration with schools spanning across Lewisham, Greenwich, Bexley, Bromley, and Kent. Led by Holy Cross Catholic Primary School, the Hub consists

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South West London and Surrey Hub	South West London and Surrey Hub is a Challenge Partners Hub consisting of 1 all-through, 1 special, and 10 primary schools, primarily located in the Sutton and Surrey areas. The Hub's latest focus is on further developing inclusive practices as a means to enhance teaching and learning across the curriculum, continuing to refine and strengthen disciplinary literacy and oracy through the ongoing work of the Hub writing networks, and enhancing the quality of Early Years practice.
South Yorkshire Hub	South Yorkshire Hub is a new Challenge Partners Hub of Collaboration located in Doncaster, with the potential to welcome schools and trusts across the South Yorkshire region. The Hub is led by Exceed Learning Partnership and consists of a mix of 10 primary and secondary schools from within and outside the trust. The South Yorkshire Hub presents a unique opportunity for South Yorkshire schools to collaborate, innovate, and drive regional excellence. The hub will be focused on evidence-informed research projects to collaborate on closing the disadvantage gap.
The Excellence Hub	The Excellence Hub is a new Challenge Partners Hub of Collaboration located in York, which aims to grow and collaborate across North and East Yorkshire. The Hub is led by Excel Learning Trust and consists of 23 schools across all phases, including Alternative Provision. Driven by a relentless focus on educational excellence, the hub works with schools as equal partners to share expertise, innovate practice, and ensure every child achieves their full potential. The Excellence Hub presents a unique opportunity for Yorkshire schools to collaborate, innovate, and drive regional excellence.
The Heart of England Hub	The Heart of England Hub is a Challenge Partners Hub of Collaboration spanning across the Midlands from Leicestershire to Peterborough and Worcestershire. Led by the Sir Christopher Hatton Academy in Northampton, the Hub consists of 11 schools, including 3 secondary and 8 primary. Last year, the Hub focused on improving provision for SEND and disadvantaged pupils, refining Early Years Foundation Stage learning, developing inclusive practices, and strengthening leadership clarity and accountability under the Ofsted framework.