



The White Horse Federation links with Guernsey Department of Education



In April 2014, the White Horse Federation CEO Dr Nicholas Capstick was asked by Babcock Education to co-present a seminar about the strengths of working in a multi-academy trust and how school to school support can pay enormous dividends.

A small team of senior Leaders from the States of Guernsey Education Department were in the audience and felt there was a resonance between what was being said and the vision, values and practice suggested by Nicholas.

Our Guernsey friends came to the stand and it was immediately obvious that there were synergies and complimentary practices which both the WHF and these senior officers should explore.

Following a trip to Guernsey later in the year to meet with senior officials, Lauren Connor and Dr Capstick felt that it was a relationship worth nurturing and to date we have just started to really develop a relationship which offers opportunity and benefits for pupils and students of the WHF and those on the island.

We are honoured and tremendously proud to be working with the States of Guernsey and to date have been involved in the following ways;

- **Specialist Leaders in Education** – designation of 4 SLEs by STS to support teaching and learning in Guernsey. Opportunities for SLEs from Swindon (primary and secondary) to support schools in Guernsey
- **Talk for Writing training** – a series of workshops to be given to primary school teachers in Guernsey by STS staff, culminating in a whole island conference to share ideas and good practice.
- **Improving Teacher Programme and Outstanding Teacher Programmes** to be facilitated for primary and secondary teachers in Guernsey by STS staff.
- **Future opportunities to take part in secondments from Guernsey to Swindon and vice versa** to enable teachers to further develop their practice in different teaching environments
- Future opportunities for initial teacher training placements in schools in Guernsey