



## **NATIONAL RECRUITMENT AGENCY ATTAINS PERFECT MARKS IN QUALITY MARK RE-ACCREDITATION IN SUPPLY TEACHERS SELECTION**

Celsian Education, a nationwide specialist education recruitment agency since 1993 has been re-accredited with the DCSF Quality Mark for the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year scoring 100 per cent in its audit.

This accolade demonstrates that they have continued to achieve the highest possible standard of recruitment selection and vetting of supply teachers.

Paul Broderick, Managing Director of Celsian Education said: "We've invested heavily in our bespoke systems and infrastructure this year and I'm extremely proud and delighted with what we have achieved. To have been so outstandingly successful with our 100% pass mark during October's re-accreditation for the Quality Mark is a delight. There is no higher recognition of our commitment to ensure safe-guarded recruitment. This will give confidence to our thousands of client schools that our standards are of the highest in the industry."

Kevin Green, Chief Executive of the Recruitment and Employment Confederation (REC) which manages the Quality Mark scheme, said: "Celsian Education is to be praised for continuing to excel themselves in reaching the optimum standard for recruiting supply teachers. The Quality Mark is becoming increasingly recognised within the industry as guaranteeing effective and ethical provision of supply teachers who are so crucial to the lifeblood of schools."

Supply teachers make an increasingly important contribution to the smooth running of schools. At the same time, it is essential to ensure that the supply staff that are being placed within the schools are of the required standard and have been correctly vetted by the agency supplying them.

Within this context, the Government's Quality Mark Scheme plays a crucial role by providing a recognisable quality threshold and by promoting high standards in the provision of supply teachers.

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### **Notes for Editors:**

- The Quality Mark was launched in July 2002 as a joint initiative between the Department for Children, Schools and Families and the Recruitment and Employment Confederation
- By using agencies who have been granted the Quality Mark, schools know they are being supplied with high quality supply staff who have been correctly vetted and that as clients, they are receiving an informed and transparent service
- The Quality Mark sets 19 minimum standards for agencies and LEAs to reach in areas such as the recruitment and selection of supply teachers; continual performance monitoring of the teacher; ensuring legal obligations are observed; the provision of accurate and timely information to schools and staying at the forefront of changes in the teaching sector
- To date, 87 agencies and one LEA are holders of the Quality Mark while over 30 including four LEAs are currently in the process of applying.