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"Our mission is to reduce educational inequality and improve the life chances of all children. Through collaboration, challenge and leadership development, we are working to ensure every school community can benefit from the combined wisdom of the education system."

Every child should benefit from the combined wisdom of all our schools. Everything Challenge Partners does is focused on improving educational opportunities and boosting life chances for all children.

Launched in 2011 by a group of headteachers, Challenge Partners is a practitioner-led education charity with a national network of 540 schools and 137 school trusts, who all believe the best way to reduce educational inequality is to combine wisdom.

They partner with primary, secondary, special and alternative provision schools, all united by a commitment to collaboration and challenge to ensure great practice isn't trapped in individual schools.

School leadership has a significant influence on pupil outcomes, and by supporting their trust and school leaders Challenge Partners currently reach over 400,000 students across the country.

And the approach works. Students in Challenge Partners schools achieve more and progress faster than the national average, and that is particularly evident for disadvantaged pupils. Sharing innovative practice quickly to schools across the country helps ensure the most effective support reaches more of the students in greatest need.