

Kate Richards – Chief Inspector



As Chief Inspector, Kate is responsible for the strategic design of the inspection frameworks in England and overseas and the entire end to end inspection process for ISI. Kate's key focus is on ensuring that inspection focuses on the pupils by challenging and supporting schools to safeguard and develop their learners' knowledge, skills and understanding as effectively as possible. She oversees the recruitment, training and quality assurance of inspectors as well as the scheduling, delivery and completion of all inspections. She also represents the professional expertise of ISI at national and international level.

Prior to joining ISI, as an experienced inspector, school leader and consultant Kate worked extensively in and with a wide range of schools, trusts, a national charity and local authorities.