

Dr Paul Thomson Masterclass

The seminar offered by Paul focused on contrasting aspects of the Ontario education system with Scotland and was based on a recent visit to Ontario in October by 16 Principal Teachers, Depute Heads and Head Teachers from Scotland. During this visit the delegation spoke to educators at every level from the Province's deputy Minister and his officials through to Directors of Education. They were also able to drill down into some of the realities of life in schools in the Province.



Paul highlighted key message relating to Curriculum for Excellence and raised specific issues on Literacy and Numeracy assessment and the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) who administer the Provincial assessments in Ontario.

Biography

Dr Paul Thomson BSc PhD Dip Ed is Rector of Jordanhill School and a member of SQA Advisory Council. Paul was educated at Dollar Academy and took combined honours in maths and physics at Glasgow University where he also did his PhD, and then did his teacher training at Jordanhill College next door. Paul started his teaching career at Boclair in Bearsden followed by Chryston High School where he was principal teacher of physics, then assistant head at the Vale of Leven and depute head at Hermitage Academy. Dr Thomson, whose wife is depute head of St Margaret's High School in Airdrie, has two children; he is also exceedingly keen on cooking.