



Edge Hill University

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

### Fantastic Accreditation Opportunity

Focus Education has much to offer teachers and other school staff who are really serious about their professional development. With this in mind we are pleased to announce that we have entered into a new partnership with **Edge Hill University** to develop a framework for accrediting work-based practice. You will be able to have your work-based practice accredited at either Foundation, First or Masters Degree levels. Furthermore, because we at Focus Education and our like-minded colleagues at Edge Hill University see your professional development as an entitlement these opportunities are completely **free\***. Neither you, your school or your local authority will incur any charge for your engagement with this initiative.

We have negotiated, on your behalf, the opportunity to have work-based practice accredited towards an appropriate qualification. This means, for example, that if you are interested in working towards a higher degree you can do almost two-thirds of a Masters Degree with Edge Hill University in your work-based setting on work-based issues that will have been informed by your attendance on our professional Development programmes.

We think that this is a really innovative new development. We are so excited by it that it is now built into our programmes. As such, **when you register for a Focus Course you will also register your interest in gaining accreditation through Edge Hill University at no cost to you.**

Also, you should know that in engaging with this opportunity you are not alone. Edge Hill is the largest provider of professional development for school staff in the country. Last year, for example, over 3000 teachers alone from Gateshead to Haringey were working towards their Masters Degree this way last academic year. That is without counting the many colleagues from the wider school workforce who are also working with Edge Hill University towards their Foundation Degree.

All you need to do to ensure your engagement with this opportunity is complete the enclosed registration form and return them to Customer Services, Focus Education (UK) Ltd, 113-115 High Street, Uppermill, Saddleworth, OL3 6BD or fax your completed form to 01457 878205.

\* Should you choose to study for a Masters Qualification, you will receive your first 60 credits free of charge. 180 credits in total is required.