Beyond frenemies

Contact and Collaboration with Universities

frenemies:
a person with whom one is friendly despite a fundamental dislike or rivalry
a person who pretends to be your friend but is in fact an enemy

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Divides, gaps, bridges or transition?

{a very partial list of points of contact}

ITE

(returning) students
as ambassadors
e.g. RGS Ambassadors

Admissions Teams

Outreach and Widening Participation Schemes

Graduate Schools of Education

Research
(university-supported teacher-led research, co-designed research, undergraduate / masters dissertations, PhD theses, research programmes)

ALCAB

Invited CPD

Subject Updates
e.g. podcasts videos (Time for Geography) and briefing notes, Geography magazine, GA conference presentations

Geography Departments

Open Days /
Offer Holder Visit Days

NQTs

Links with Individual Academics

Pre-ITE visits by university students
Possibilities and Pitfalls

- Enrichment vs Core
- Working across all ages
- From universities as ‘providers’ of knowledge and schools as ‘providers’ of students to two-way learning partnerships
- From connections between ‘charismatic individuals’ to longer lasting partnerships

Negotiating differences
- Time and time-scales
- Difference priorities
- Changing priorities
- Changing contacts
- Fear of blundering

And others…

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