## Julie Cattermole

I have coordinated Research Placements for STEMPOINT for nearly 20 years, introducing new placement providers to the scheme and encouraging students from disadvantaged backgrounds to apply. I previously worked as a Sixth Form Learning Mentor in a local state school which later transitioned into an academy for a large part of this period. This gave me a first-hand opportunity to understand the mindset of Sixth Form students and what is needed to motivate them.

I have a degree in Chemistry and post graduation chose to join Currys Ltd, based in Ealing, London on a graduate training programme to become the Customer Service Manager and later the CSM for Dixons Stores Group. I have also worked for an American Finance company as their Quality Manager prior to having a family. Working for STEMPOINT has given me an opportunity to further my interest in STEM, whilst encouraging young people into this field.