

Teaching School Hub Newsletter - January 2022

We hope that you have all had a joyful and restful Christmas and New Year break. 2022 is set to be an exciting year for professional development and support for schools and we hope that you will join us on the journey of bringing fabulous opportunities to grow and develop to all staff in our **schools across Walsall, Wolverhampton and South Staffordshire**.

Here at the Teaching School Hub we have exciting changes to the team as we continue to evolve to serve you. We have a new Director of the Teaching School Hub, **Alison Halford**, who brings extensive experience of leading CPD for schools and MATs and **Lesley Darby**, who as Communications and Business Manager for the Hub will bring huge experience of supporting delegates on such programmes as NPQs and ECF.

The purpose of these newsletters is to start a **dialogue.** The newsletter will make you aware of some of the activities and opportunities available in the forthcoming months. But we also want them to generate your ideas on the support needed for your school so that you can feedback to us.

Together, across our area, we can make things happen that aren't possible alone. So let us know your thoughts so that we can co-construct amazing professional learning together. Email <u>ahalford@manorteachingschoolhub.com</u> for a CPD discussion.

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National Professional Qualifications (NPQs)



New NPQs will commence in February 2022. The closing date to register is Monday 18th January. Ring 01902 558901 to speak to Lesley for last minute registrations or to express your interest for Sept 2022.

Fully Funded - All teachers and leaders employed in state funded schools in England can now access the National Professional Qualifications at no cost.

If your school is part of a Multi-Academy Trust and you would like to know more about how we can tailor the NPQs to meet your Trust's needs contact Alison at ahalford@manorteachingschoolhub.com

Early Career Framework

Mentors across the region are continuing to support the development of Early Career Teachers as they progress on their development journey. We want to recognise and commend the support that mentors are providing.

This term will start with conferences for both Early Career Teachers and mentors to continue to build the value of this mentoring and on-line learning.



ECF Action – if your school has new teachers commencing in January 2022 they must be registered for the Early Career Framework and also with an Appropriate Body.

If you would like any support on this, contact us at the hub to speak with one of our local experts.

Supporting Recovery CPD from EEF

A fully-funded EEF programme is available for school leaders in Wolverhampton and Staffordshire to focus on supporting recovery through making evidence-informed choices.

This new offer of two free 90-minute online sessions, will support you to purposefully identify key development priorities for your setting in the wake of the pandemic. It will give guidance on using evidence to identify potential solutions to challenges schools are facing and provide tools and worked examples of putting new initiatives into practice.

This offer is most suitable for schools or teachers who haven't already been on Research School training in the last 18 months. The content explores current challenges, and models how to utilise EEF evidence, before clarifying how school leaders can engage further, with RSN and EEF activity such as a new and fully funded training programme, and wider more sustained training and partnerships.

- Twilight 1 is a 90-minutes remote session 'Exploring the challenges'. It has a focus on exploring the challenges of educational recovery, recognising school efforts, whilst signposting our relevant evidence and resources.
- Twilight 2 is a 90-minutes remote session 'Preparing and planning for recovery'. It has a focus on restating the value of the tiered model as a central lens to explore challenges and evidence-led approaches, with the twilight offering a more sustained exploration into how we 'ensure curriculum access' via reading and a stronger awareness of language challenges.

Available dates from Staffordshire Research School are :

- 17th & 24th January 4:00-5:30pm
- 10th & 17th February 4:00-5:30pm

Further information on booking can be found here : <u>https://forms.gle/vQDyR4m2PdTCqcnm6</u>

Subject Focused CPD

Computing Focus

Spring Computing Fest is a series of Twilight workshops for Primary and Secondary Computing run by the Midlands West and the Central Midlands Computing Hubs. Each workshop is for 1 hour from 16.00 – 17.00.

- Monday 31/01/22 Y7 Overview
- Tuesday 01/02/22 Y8 Overview
- Thursday 03/02/22 Y9 Overview
- Wednesday 02/02/22 Deep Dive and the Computing Quality Framework
- Monday 31/01/22 Primary Computing evidencing your learning
- Tuesday 01/02/22 Primary Extra-curricular computing options
- Wednesday 02/02/22 Primary Physical Computing
- Thursday 03/02/22 Primary Deep Dive

Click here to find out more and register your interest - https://bit.ly/SpringCompFest



Music Hub sessions

Walsall Music Education Hub has announced three new sessions :

How to Develop your Curriculum – Intention and Purpose - Tuesday 8th February 2022 Time: 2pm – 5pm

Singing for the non-specialist - Tuesday 26th April 2022 Time: 2pm – 5pm

How to Embrace Notation - Tuesday 7th June 2022 Time: 2pm – 5pm

Find out more about costs and booking here <u>https://www.walmused.co.uk/schools/staff-support/staff-cpd-sessions/</u>



Maths Hub Activities

North Mids Maths Hub has a range of development opportunities starting in the Spring term.

Programmes include:

- Specialist Knowledge of the teaching of mathematics Early Years
- Specialist Knowledge of the teaching of mathematics Primary
- Mathematical Thinking for GCSE
- Years 7-11 Coherence Work Group

Visit <u>https://nmmathshub.co.uk/news/</u> for more information.

Science CPD

An amazing range of CPD is available from the Science Learning Partnership. Some are available through a subscription but many are funded by bursaries. One of our local Hubs covers the North Midlands. Visit <u>https://www.potteries.ac.uk/programme/science/</u> for more details.

Free Subject Networks

Practitioners around the region are coming together virtually to learn from each others' experiences in a series of free subject network meetings. We will feature a range of these in each newsletter and on the Teaching School Hub website - so keep listening in for your area of specialism. Coming soon:

Primary Design and Technology	Thursday 20 th January 2022	4.00 to 5.00pm
Primary STEM	Wednesday 9 th February 2022	4.00 to 5.00pm
Primary English	Wednesday 2 nd February 2022	4.00 to 5.00pm
Primary Computing (Microsoft)	Tuesday 15 th February 2022	4.00 to 5.00pm

Secondary MFL	Monday 24 th January 2022	4.00 to 5.00pm
Secondary Geography	Monday 24 th January 2022	4.00 to 5.00pm

To book a place on a course please use this link <u>https://forms.office.com/r/aH0KAsrsPH</u>

SENCo Development

Do you have a new SENCo in your school? Or are you thinking about succession planning or capacity building for SEND?

The National Standard for SENCOs is a mandatory qualification for all SENCOs and so we have teamed up with Best Practice Network to bring local cohorts to our area. The first cohort successfully started in the Autumn and we are registering interest for the next cohort already. The 6-day programme is delivered in a blended approach, facilitated by an expert local practitioner.

Working at Master's level alongside colleagues with the same passion, you will sharpen your analytical and evaluative skills, deepen your knowledge of specialist areas and build a local network of practitioners to call upon throughout your career.

The programme costs £1,980 and you can register your interest by emailing <u>ldarby@manorteachingschoolhub.com</u>

Would your current SENCo like to share best practice locally?

Come along to the virtual networking events run by local expert, Nicola Davis.

Free Spring Network meeting for all schools : **Thursday 3**rd **March**

Link for booking : <u>https://forms.office.com/r/aH0KAsrsPH</u>

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