



## Teaching School Hub Newsletter - October 2022

As always the start of the school year has been busy for the schools we support across **Walsall, Wolverhampton and South Staffordshire**. At the Teaching School Hub we have been working hard to register your new teachers to the Early Career Teacher programme and your leaders onto the National Professional Qualifications. New processes at the DFE portal made this a tricky process for some and we thank you for persisting in getting ECTs all ready to start this next important phase of their development.

This newsletter is packed with CPD opportunities from across our area with all of the Curriculum Hubs starting their new programmes. Hundreds of schools across our area engage with this targeted CPD so we hope that this newsletter showcases these opportunities so that more teachers in your school can benefit.

We also want to hear your ideas on the support needed for your school, particularly in terms of the networking opportunities that would add value. Please do give your views in our [quick "local needs" survey](#) here or email [ahalford@manorteachingschoolhub.com](mailto:ahalford@manorteachingschoolhub.com) directly.

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## National Professional Qualifications (NPQs)



Register your interest using the QR code at the back of the newsletter.

The next cohorts of NPQs will commence in February 2023 including

- Leading Teaching
- Leading Literacy
- Leading Behaviour and Culture
- Leading Teacher Development
- Senior Leadership
- Early Years Leadership.

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

Provisional schedules and Information on each course can be [found here](#).

## Are you a relatively new Headteacher?

Headteachers in post less than 5 years can get access to the new Early Headship Coaching offer fully funded by the DFE. It is a combination of 1 to 1 coaching, school visits and group discussions over 12 months and you can find out more on [this video](#).

## Evidence Informed

We are lucky to have two Research Hubs serving our area who provide many events, blogs and opportunities to engage in research.

Why not have a look at the excellent articles on the [Staffordshire Research School website](#) including guidance on Effective Feedback and Interleaving, plus upcoming events on Cognitive Science.



[Billesley Research School has a great newsletter](#) which focuses this term on Social and Emotional Learning and builds upon the EEF guidance report on this subject, entitled: Improving Social and Emotional Learning in Primary Schools.

Plus both hubs are recruiting practitioners excited by research to become Evidence Leads in Education (ELEs). If you would like to know more [here is a short video](#) featuring ELEs at Billesley Research School.

## Maths Hubs – cross phase CPD opportunities

**The EEF Report ‘Improving Mathematics in Key Stages 2 & 3’ suggested [eight recommendations](#)**, supported by research findings, focusing on the questions that appear to be most salient to practitioners regarding the teaching of KS2 and KS3 mathematics. Recommendations focus on findings that schools can use to make a significant difference to pupils’ learning.

The Shaw Maths Hub (covering Wolverhampton) and Maths Hub North Midlands (covering Walsall and South Staffs) are running [Years 5-8 Continuity Work Groups](#) suitable for both primary and secondary colleagues.

[In Walsall and South Staffs the Y5-8 Continuity Work Group](#) aims to strengthen the transition from primary to secondary school by focusing on curriculum and pedagogical continuity. Maths Hub North Midlands will be running two groups including one specifically for middle schools. Click to [book here](#).

The [Wolverhampton based Y5-8 Continuity Work Group](#) will draw on cross-phase knowledge to support children’s continuity in learning. Materials which stimulate reasoning and oracy, including EAL developments, will be shared to use with classes. [Book here](#) for free sessions for Wolverhampton practitioners.

Colleagues may also be interested in the following from [Shaw Maths Hub](#):

Primary - Wolverhampton based Specialist Knowledge Work Groups for [Early Years](#) or [Year 1 and 2](#).  
Secondary - online Work Groups for [A Level Pedagogy](#) or [GCSE Resit](#) or [Early Career Teachers](#)

Colleagues might also consider Subject Leadership programmes from [Maths Hub North Midlands](#):  
[Secondary Subject Leadership](#) - This new programme, over four sessions, supports secondary subject leaders to better understand and implement teaching for mastery approaches and to develop in their role as leaders of both student learning and teacher professional development.  
[Primary Subject Leadership](#) - will consider the key skills, knowledge and behaviours required by primary subject leaders to effectively lead and embed school-wide developments in mathematics.  
Plus a raft of other Work Group opportunities inc [Early Years, Primary](#) and [Post-16](#).

## Computing Focus

Birmingham and Central Midlands Computing Hub are offering FREE conferences for primary and secondary.

- **West Midlands Secondary Computing Conference: Remote via Teams, 3 November, 1.30pm - 4.00pm** <https://tinyurl.com/CC303A77>
- **Primary Conference: Getting to Grips with the Curriculum, Remote via Teams, 11 November, 1 - 3.30pm** <https://tinyurl.com/435jdnjw>
- **Primary Conference: Leading and Specialising in Computing, Remote via Teams, 18 November, 1 - 3.30pm** <https://tinyurl.com/k6d9486s>

[Click for an amazing range of computing courses throughout autumn and spring for primary and secondary.](#)



### Music Hub support

[Walsall Music Education Hub](#) has CPD sessions at £25 for Walsall schools (or £50 beyond):

Topic	Date
Exploring Composing and Improvisation	15/11/22
ECT training for Music	07/12/22
Singing for the non-specialist	06/02/23
Musical Analysis	14/03/23
How to write your Music Development Plan	29/03/23
Embracing Notation	27/04/23
Leading your Department	27/06/23

[Wolverhampton Music Hub](#) place all training and music opportunities for schools on their [website](#). Should any Wolverhampton school wish to discuss any aspect of music support, please contact the music service on [Music.School@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:Music.School@wolverhampton.gov.uk)



### English Hub Activities

**Accelerator funding is now available** for Infant, Primary, Junior and Special schools who would benefit from help to buy and embed a Systematic Synthetic Phonics (SSP) programme. Funding is dependent on what is required within the setting and a Literacy Specialist will conduct an audit and offer support to embed your new SSP.

To apply for Accelerator Funding please complete [this form](#) or contact [marie.powell@st-johnbosco.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:marie.powell@st-johnbosco.sandwell.sch.uk) at St John Bosco National English Hub.

## Science CPD

For colleagues wishing to access STEM courses here are just a few activities for you to access. Visit [stem.org.uk](http://stem.org.uk) for more!

<a href="#">Primary Science Remote Network</a>	<a href="#">Secondary Subject Leaders Network</a>
<a href="#">Middle School Science Subject Leads Sessions</a>	<a href="#">Technician Network</a>
<a href="#">Middle School Science Teaching &amp; Learning Support</a>	<a href="#">Developing Working Scientifically Skills through Enquiry</a>
	<a href="#">Post-16 Remote National Science Network</a>

## Initial Teacher Training good news!

The West Midlands has excellent provision for Teacher training and over recent months many of our amazing providers have been recredited by the DFE to train the future generations of teachers.

[Our congratulations to these providers!](#)

We all know that recruiting teachers into the profession is a challenge so I wanted to alert you to recent incentives announced by the DFE :

- Scholarships worth £29,000 tax-free offered in partnership with professional bodies for chemistry, computing, mathematics, and physics.
- Languages scholarship worth £27,000 tax-free available in French, German and Spanish.
- £25,000 tax-free bursary for geography and languages (including ancient languages).
- £20,000 tax-free bursary for biology and design & technology.
- £15,000 tax-free bursary for English.
- Extended bursary/scholarship eligibility to non-UK trainees in languages and physics.

The [“Get into Teaching” website](#) has more information on the steps to become a teacher.

## SENCo Development

**Do you have a new SENCo in school? Thinking about 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 provide training for 2022/23. The 6-day programme is delivered in a blended approach see [more detail is on this flyer](#). 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.

## Free Subject Networks

Last year the Teaching School Hub ran a series of free subject networks. Some of the primary networks were particularly successful. However, before we put together a programme for January 23 onwards we would like your views on the networks most valuable to local practitioners.

So use the QR code or [click here to register your vote for the networks most needed](#) and we will organise accordingly !



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