



AUTUMN 2017 NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME

It certainly doesn't seem to get any easier in education. Constant worries about budget, recruitment, retention and workload (to name but a few of the current issues). The challenge is to step back (whether you are leading a MAT, a school, a department or a class) and look at all the wonderful things that are going on in your school because of the hard work and dedication of you and many others. I am confident that in all our schools on a day to day basis there is much to celebrate. So make sure you do!

I hope you find our newsletter useful and informative. It is a mixture of news and information about upcoming events. Please support our events where you can. We do our best to provide opportunities for staff at all levels to continue their professional development.

As always please feel free to talk to us about what else we can do to support your school and feedback on what we are doing already.

Enjoy the rest of term and have a great break.

David Struthers, Director of Teaching School

INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING UPDATE

Primary

- 64% of last year's trainees were graded as outstanding with the rest graded as good.
- We now have 75 trainees over all, 38 in Southend.
- The programme is running with the training base now being located in Edwards Hall.
- We are due to start recruiting on 26th October for 2018-19 so would be grateful if all schools could add a link to our website to their web pages under Teacher Training as follows:
<http://www.essexandthamesprimaryscitt.co.uk>

If you or someone you know would be interested in signing up, email admin@thamesprimaryscitt.co.uk

Jo Palmer-Tweed, Essex & Thames Primary SCITT

Secondary

This has been another busy term for the Southend SCITT. We have had two information evenings as well as being busy settling the 2017-18 cohort whilst also recruiting for the 2018-19 cohort.

The 2017-18 Southend SCITT cohort are working hard in preparation for their first assessed visit and evidence drop. They have just completed and handed in their first PGCE assignment too. Originally a cohort of 34, we have unfortunately lost two this term due to personal reasons and the current cohort stands at 32.

Recruitment has begun already for the 2018-19 cohort with the second UCAS window opening in November. Although applications are a little down in comparison with this time last year, this reflects the national picture. We have nevertheless already recruited two applicants already, one PE and one Physicist and hope to have recruited another PE applicant and a Historian by the end of the Autumn Term. This will mean that our two allocated PE places will be full and any other PE applicants we have will have to be processed through the new PE with EBacc subject route.

Penny Bowman, Southend High School for Girls/Southend SCITT

SCHOOL-TO-SCHOOL SUPPORT

System Leaders

I am delighted that we have an ever-increasing number of system leaders that are willing and able to support your school. If you do require support in anything from Governance, Headteacher support, topic or subject specific then please contact us. Details of SETSA support is available on our website. We also share System Leaders with neighbouring

teaching schools so there is always someone that we can call on to fulfil your needs.

Strategic School Improvement Fund

A number of schools are part of our bid to the DfE to secure funding for a project focused on Improving Outcomes in Science at Key Stage 2. The main part of the project will be embedding the *Talking, Doing, and Thinking Science* model developed by Oxford Press. It has been successfully used in other parts of the country and will provide excellent CPD and resources for our schools. Fingers crossed for a positive outcome.

Local Leaders of Education

Many of our LLEs are visiting their Headteacher colleagues in Southend schools to identify the strengths as well as specify any areas that require further support.

Full details of our LLEs are available on our website:

<http://www.setsa.info/lle-support.html>

Primary & Secondary Subject Network Groups

We would like to see an increase in attendance at our Subject Network Meeting. These are independent, informal networks run by teachers, for teachers.

If you are interested in attending a session email teachingschool@whsg.info or further information can be found on our website:

<http://www.setsa.info/subject-network-groups.html>

See our website for chairperson details. Next meetings are scheduled for January 24th 2018

TALENT MANAGEMENT AND SUCCESSION PLANNING

Stepping Up to Headship 2018

Following the success of our 2016-17 course, SETSA is pleased to offer further training for Deputy Heads and Senior Teachers who are likely to find themselves in charge of a school at short notice for a substantial period of time. The sessions will be led by serving Headteachers and have been scheduled as follows:

Session 1: 18/01 16:00-17:30 at The Tickfield Centre

Planning for and managing Day 1
Planning beyond Day 1

Session 2: 01/02 16:00-17:30 at The Tickfield Centre

Dealing with the unexpected
Managing a critical incident
Dealing with the media

Session 3: 08/02 16:00-17:30 at The Tickfield Centre

Dealing with People: Stakeholders and Outside agencies e.g. HR and Local Authority

Session 4: 20/02 16:00-17:45 at The Tickfield Centre

Understanding finance and managing your money

The course costs £100 per delegate and places can be booked here:

<http://www.southendlearningnetwork.co.uk/Event/61388>

Ensuring Success at KS2 Workshop

20/2 13:30-16:30 The Tickfield Centre

SETSA is extremely pleased to be offering the above workshop. There will be a focus of Reading, Writing and Maths. For each topic there will be a couple of presentations from schools which were particularly

successful in this area in Summer 2017 KS2 exams. The aim is to highlight which strategies worked particularly well and this will lead into a table discussion where ideas and information can be shared.

For more information and to book a place visit:

<http://www.setsa.info/ensuring-success-at-ks2-2018.html>

NQT PROGRAMME

SETSA have been working in conjunction with the Local Authority to confirm an in depth programme of events aimed at NQTS and their Mentors:

NQT Networking Event

17/01/2018 at The Tickfield Centre 16:00-17:30

Book here: <https://secure2.sla-online.co.uk/Training/mTrainingDetails.aspx?id=63194/>

NQT Parental Engagement and Report Writing

27/02/2018 at The Tickfield Centre 16:00-17:30

Book here: <https://secure2.sla-online.co.uk/Training/mTrainingDetails.aspx?id=63205/>

NQT Networking Event

10/05 at The Tickfield Centre 16:00-17:30

Book here: <https://secure2.sla-online.co.uk/Training/mTrainingDetails.aspx?id=63208/>

NQT Mentor Training

24/05 at The Tickfield Centre 16:00-17:30

Book here: <https://secure2.sla-online.co.uk/Training/mTrainingDetails.aspx?id=63212/>

NQT PE/Health and Safety

13:30-16:30 (venue and date TBC)

NQT Top Tips For Vulnerable Learners

20/06 at The Tickfield Centre 16:00-17:30

Book here: <https://secure2.sla-online.co.uk/Training/mTrainingDetails.aspx?id=63220/>

NQT Celebration and Next Steps

05/07 at The Tickfield Centre 16:00-17:30

Book here: <https://secure2.sla-online.co.uk/Training/mTrainingDetails.aspx?id=63224/>

CPD

Moderation Programme

The first KS 1 and KS 2 informal moderation sessions of this academic year took place earlier this month.

Teachers attending the sessions were informed of the key changes to assessing English writing in 2017-18.

Schools need to become familiar with the following documentation for teacher assessment this year:

Teacher Assessment Frameworks for 2017 - 18
2018 Assessment and Reporting Arrangements (ARA)

2018 Teacher Assessment Guidance

2018 English Writing Exemplification Materials



There are a range of further sessions in the New Year. For further details search for 'Moderation' on the Southend Learning Network.

Alison Picknell, School Improvement Officer and Moderation Lead for Thurrock and Southend

RQT Programme

The RQT 2018 Programme will run over three sessions at The Tickfield Centre as follows:

GREAT TEACHING 10/01 'Becoming an expert practitioner in the classroom through impact, reflection and risk'

LEADING LEARNING 28/02 'Taking others with you through inspiration vision and values'

FORGING AHEAD 14/03 'Pathways to further success'

The programme is aimed at Teachers from all phases in their 3rd to 5th year of teaching. For more info email teachingschool@whsg.info or book using this link: <http://www.southendlearningnetwork.co.uk/Event/58584>

Women in Leadership

The Women in Leadership programme, designed for female members of staff who are eligible for promotion and intending to achieve that in the next 18 months, has started with its second cohort of 20. The first course was hugely popular and successful with almost half the 20 delegates already having achieved promotion.

Mark Solomons

SCIENCE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

Our SLP continues to work with schools across Southend, Essex & Thurrock to deliver a bespoke support programme for the region. We have put together a number of CPD programmes this year, including a primary conference programme across the region, support for triple science GCSE and a number of bespoke sessions for individual schools, colleges and clusters. If you would like to find out more about the ways we can support science provision in your school, please get in touch with us at teachingschool@whsg.info.

Secondary CPD

[Triple science: preparing for linear assessment](#) on 23 Jan 2018 at Basildon Academy

[Mathematics in Triple Science](#) on 6 Feb 2018 at Basildon Academy

[Triple Science Network of Excellence](#) on 7 Mar & 13 Jun 2018 at Woodlands School, Basildon

[Facilitator Development \(Stage 1\)](#) on 1 & 22 Feb 2018 at Chelmer Valley High School

Emma Emmerton, SETSA

Network Meetings for Southend Schools

Primary Science

After discussions at the Autumn network meeting the consensus was that CPD is a priority for schools, therefore the date for the Spring term meeting has been released and we have invited colleagues to attend the Southend Primary Conference on 30 January at the Tickfield Centre instead. At this afternoon conference there will be two STEM-led workshops, run as a carousel, on ‘Creating a buzz and raising the profile of primary science’ and ‘Working scientifically in the primary curriculum’.

<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/413314/southend-primary-conference>

We are also planning to run the Summer meeting as CPD and invite our schools to feed back as to the content and format they would prefer this to take.

Secondary Science

Nina and Jon at Westcliff High School for Girls will be chairing the Spring term meeting for Secondary colleagues on 24th January 2018 at WHSG from 4pm. Please email st-nina.williams@whsg.info if you would like to attend. We are hoping to arrange further Triple Science CPD for colleagues in the Summer at our Secondary Conference – date to be confirmed.

Primary Science Conferences

In addition to the Southend conference we are running two further primary conferences this Spring. Our Thurrock Conference is a full day event with 3 CPD sessions, and our Essex Conference is an afternoon, with a choice of 2 CPD sessions and a keynote from Louise Stubberfield from the Wellcome Trust.

Find out more and book by visiting the links below:

[Thurrock Primary Conference](#) on 23 Jan 2018 at The Park Inn, Thurrock

[Southend Primary Conference](#) on 30 Jan 2018 at the Tickfield Centre, Southend

[Essex Primary Conference](#) on 21 Feb 2018 at Chelmsford Racecourse

Could you lead science training for our SLP?

We are running our popular STEM Facilitator Development Programme commencing 1 February 2018 (1 full day, 1 twilight). The cost for this is £150, however if you attend the training and subsequently deliver training for our SLP within one year we will reimburse the full cost of the course.

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Creative Writing through the Arts

After a year of creative writing activity, we are anticipating the launch of our first-year report. The evidence from fourteen primary schools from South Essex TSA's has been collected and analysed and we look forward to sharing the full findings in the near future.

In September, a further sixteen teachers began their work on Creative Writing through the Arts with a music inspiration session and partnership with percussionist Beth Higham-Edwards.

Creative Writing through the Arts will support 1,350 children at 45 primary schools to develop their core literacy, speaking and listening skills. The programme is based on collaboration, CPD, Action Research and mentoring between teachers, arts and cultural providers and Higher Education academics. It supports Primary teachers to incorporate creative approaches to teaching creative writing.

For more information, please contact: Sarah Goldsmith (Project Coordinator) call 01268 684554 or email: sgoldsmith@northwickpark.essex.sch.uk

Sarah Goldsmith, Northwick Park Academy

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