

## A word from the YTSA Director of Teacher Training

A huge welcome to everyone involved with ITT at YTSA as we embark on a new academic year 2018 -2019. In particular, we welcome our new cohort of trainees who are taking their first steps into the profession in the coming days and weeks and also new mentors who embark on this valuable role for the first time. At this time, we also pass on our regards and best wishes to last year's cohort who will be embarking on their new teaching careers.

We are working closely with three local Universities to provide a programme that brings together their skills and resources as well as our school based expertise and this valuable relationship has proved highly effective in creating a challenging and supportive programme for our trainees. We are confident that the training that we provide enables trainee teachers to gain the skills and qualities required to be outstanding teachers. All of our trainees will benefit from experiencing a range of opportunities in varied and contrasting YTSA schools as well as their own YTSA senior mentor who will guide them every step of the way.

Thank you to our mini army of Mentors whose work is very highly valued and greatly appreciated. Please can we encourage all of you to attend Mentor Training at University in the coming weeks. This is a crucial element of ensuring the highest quality training and part of the contract that we hold with our University partners.

All Mentors should have received their YTSA mentor 'toolkit' which has been designed to be 'user friendly' and accessible for busy teachers. Inside you will see that there is key advice for inducting your trainee, working with host teachers, observing lessons and setting targets as well as other important tools for the mentoring role.

For those who are considering a career in teaching starting next September in the 2018-19 cohort, the UCAS search engine goes live on the **2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018**. We will begin to receive applications from the **9<sup>th</sup> October 2018**. We welcome all enquiries about the course, however large or small and if you would like to come in and speak to someone at YTSA, don't hesitate to book an appointment through [admin@yorkshiretsa.co.uk](mailto:admin@yorkshiretsa.co.uk). Remember also that YTSA also participates in the School Experience Programme (SEP) where those interested in teaching as a career can come in and spend some time in school within a subject department and gain experience of what it is like to be a teacher.

All good wishes for the coming year,

Warm regards,

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