

Summer Newsletter July 2018

As we come to the end of another hectic and yet fruitful year, can I thank all colleagues from schools within the YTSA for their immense support in relation to the work we offer as a Teaching Alliance. May we also take this opportunity to welcome Horsforth School into the YTSA, we look forward to working with them throughout 2018/19.

At the end of term we shall be saying farewell to Jo Langstaff who has played a significant role in the formation of the YTSA and in particular with 'School to School Support'. We thank her for her contribution and wish her continued success as the Headteacher at Cardinal Newman High School, Warrington.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer in the glorious sunshine.

CPD - Next meeting, Thursday 4th October 2018

Once again, our CPD programme has allowed the focus of this summer term to be on preparing students for GCSE and A level exams, then preparing for next year. As such, our regular training sessions have given way to more planning and collaboration for next year's programme.

The YTSA CPD programme has now been finalised and can be found electronically via [this link](#) and in paper form via your CPD lead in school.

There are 5 Key strands to the programme and staff in our schools can get involved in many ways and on many levels:

Monday training programme – 4-5pm, hosted and facilitated by 22 schools over the course of the year.

Subject networks – collaborative groups, headed up by a network lead, the purpose of which is to share good practice and offer peer support and review.

Masters qualification – to be offered, again, in conjunction with Leeds Trinity University

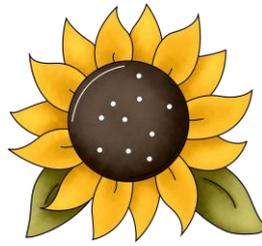
Conferences for NQT, RQT and 'Leading a Mentally Healthy School' for school leaders

Yorkshire leadership community courses, mostly NPQ qualification.

Full details of all of the above are in the CPD booklet.

We have built up many worthwhile partnerships across our teaching alliance and I would urge anyone who is not currently involved in any of our combined training to give it a go! The programme is a response to the needs and wishes of all schools in the YTSA and it is both varied and wide reaching. We have much expertise within the YTSA and we are also using external trainers, where appropriate.

To book onto any of our CPD events, please use this [Eventbrite link](#), and direct any questions, in the first instance, to Tori Bramah at admin@yorkshiretsa.co.uk



Research & Development - Next meeting, Thursday 8th November 2018

We are delighted that Katie Hunter, our Lead for R&D and co-ordinator in the North East has now returned from maternity leave. Consequently, this strand of work will 'reactivate' from September. We continue to ensure that our CPD programme is based on reliable and current research, making use of our links with the EEF and Huntington Research School. We look forward to the first network meeting in November 2018 to relaunch this important area of work.

School to School Support:

As the academic year ends, we are also bringing to a close our work supporting Graham School, although the relationships our School to School Support work has forged mean that we are welcoming Paul Brockwell, Headteacher of Graham School, to take on the interim headship at St. John Fisher. We have also welcomed eight SLEs from a variety of our schools into Yorkshire TSA and very much look forward to working with them all.

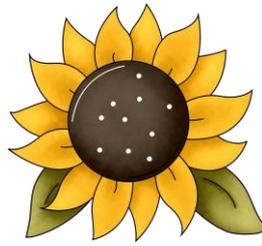
For next year, our work supporting St. John Fisher, Dewsbury will continue until the Easter term, but the direction of the rest of our work for the year will be determined by the announcement we are expecting in July regarding the outcome of our SSIF bid. In the meantime, please do remember that the TSA is available to carry out reviews of any aspect of your school's provision, including Leadership and Management, Departmental Areas, School Finance and even catering provision. If you would like to enquire about what may be on offer, please contact Nigel Beetles via nbeetles@sjfchs.org.uk.

ITT - Next meeting, Wednesday 26th Sept 2018

We are very pleased to share in the success of our 2017-2018 cohort of trainee teachers who successfully completed their PGCE course this month. Attending the various Exam Board meetings, I have been really encouraged by the warmth and positivity of the feedback that has been passed on about the quality of our trainees and the mentoring that has taken place.

The trainees did wonderfully to negotiate the various ups and downs that are typical of the PGCE year and some were offered jobs in Y TSA schools including in the lead schools St. Aidan's and St John Fisher as well as Woodkirk, Allerton High, Ripon Grammar and Mount St. Mary's. They returned to share with us in a presentation and celebration of their achievements and we are very proud of the manner and commitment they have demonstrated throughout the course. Their feedback about the support and quality of mentoring that they received during their recent placement 2 is very positive and we are soon to ask them to complete a full evaluation of the training year which will enable us to enhance our delivery further.

Thirty one trainees across various subjects have been recruited for 2018-2019 and we look forward to working with them and offering our support as they embark on the most noble of professions. Presently we are working hard to allocate them placement schools and we very much appreciate the support and element of flexibility that our Alliance schools are able to offer during this fairly difficult process. Y TSA will once again deliver to them a full programme of Professional Studies and this will involve again more



delivery within our Alliance schools in order to continually provide a different context and enhance their training. Can I pass on my thanks to the staff of St. John Fisher (Feedback and Marking), Mount St. Mary's (EAL), Woodkirk Academy (Educational Visits), Allerton High School (Use of I Pads/ Data) for hosting and providing superb training days for our trainees during the year.

We cannot emphasise too much the importance of our YTSA mentors in the training process. They have by far the most crucial role to play in whether a trainee reaches their potential or not. It is therefore crucial that mentors have the right qualities, skills and experience to fulfil the role effectively. Mentor training will be provided by each HEI soon after the summer holidays and we will pass on those dates to schools. YTSA will also provide all mentors with an updated mentor 'toolkit' and provide generic mentor training on its use in order to ensure that our mentors are as fully equipped as possible. We would very much appreciate the support of schools in releasing mentors for this training.

The second part of our annual NQT conference took place on the 21st June at St. Aidan's. Twenty four NQT's from across the Alliance took part in the event looking at 'the RQT year', 'Promotion and the role of the Head of Subject' and 'Effective Marking'. The event also provides crucial opportunities for networking and social time for NQT's as they near the end of a demanding year. Thank you to Ruth McQuire, Danielle Maguire and Amy Waters for their valuable contributions during the event.

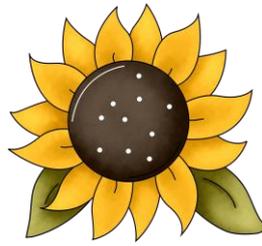
Shortly we will provide our partner schools with the schedule of when trainees will be in school. As you are aware, different Universities have different start dates and programmes and some start earlier than others. Presently we are working on making the schedule as easy as possible for our partner schools to operate. As a School Direct provider, we are keen on getting our trainees into school early to enhance their experience. We can confirm that our trainees regardless of HEI will be in Professional Studies sessions at St. Aidan's or another school on a Wednesday from 6th September and this will continue until the start of February. Primary placement week will be w/b 10th September 2018.

As we near the end of another school year, can I take this opportunity to pass on our thanks to everyone that has been involved with ITT this academic year.

Have a restful and enjoyable summer ready to go again in September!

With very best wishes

John Wood, Jo Langstaff, Ruth Mcquire and Dave Holdsworth



Key Dates for your Diary

Network Meetings

(All Network Meetings 9.30am – 12pm)

ITT

Wednesday 26th September 2018

Wednesday 30th January 2019

Wednesday 3rd July 2019

CPD

Thursday 4th October 2018

Thursday 7th February 2019

Thursday 4th April 2019

R&D

Thursday 8th November 2018

Thursday 7th March 2019

Thursday 13th June 2019

Headteacher Conference

Wednesday 26th June 2019

Conferences & Events

Oracy Workshop led by National Literacy Trust

Tuesday 25th September 2018, 9.30 – 3.30pm

St Aidan's School

NQT Conference

Part 1 Thursday 8th November 2018, 9am – 1pm

Part 2 Thursday 20th June 2019, 9am – 1pm

King James's School

St Aidan's School

RQT Conference

Thursday 24th January 2019, 9am – 1pm

Horsforth School

Leading a Mentally Healthy School

Part 1 – Thursday 15th November 2018, 9am – 1pm

Part 2 - Wednesday 27th March 2019, 9am – 1pm

St Aidan's High School

Allerton High School

Other

SLE Application Deadline

Friday 3rd May 2019