



Summer Newsletter July 2019

Dear Colleagues

As we come to the end of another academic year, can I thank all those who have been involved in any way with the programmes delivered by YTSA for your commitment, dedication, enthusiasm and total professionalism. I believe that the work we undertake in our Teaching School is an important element in the developments that are taking place within education to ensure quality provision for all students in all schools.

It has been a privilege to work alongside numerous colleagues over the last four years and as I retire in two weeks time, I wish you all well and continued success for the future.

John Wood
Director of YTSA

CPD: (Next meeting, Thursday 10th October)

This term, our CPD programme has given way to 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 brochure form via your CPD lead in school.

There are several Key strands to the programme and you can get involved in many ways:

- Monday training programme – 4-5pm, hosted at and facilitated by a variety of YTSA schools over the course of the first two terms. Please book by the Wednesday before each Monday session.
- 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.
- Conferences for NQTs and RQTs; 'Research lead' training and conferences for Schools Leaders and Teaching Assistants.
- Masters qualification – to be offered, again, in conjunction with Leeds Trinity University
- National Professional Qualifications eg NPQML, NPQSL.

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

The programme is written in collaboration with all schools in the YTSA and is therefore a response to the identified training needs of all partner schools. We are very grateful for the continued participation of teachers within these various schools for offering their expertise and being willing to facilitate the programme for us all.

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

Ruth McQuire
YTSA CPD Lead

Research & Development: (Next meeting, Thursday 10th October)

Latest News

In the past month, the EEF have released two new implementation and guidance documents on '[Improving Behaviour](#)' and '[Pupil Premium Funding](#)' with a third on 'Improving Literacy' to be released this week.

The document on literacy and all other implementation and guidance documents can be found here:

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/tools/guidance-reports/>

Thank you to those schools that signed up for the EEF Leadership Lite trial. The EEF are currently recruiting schools for a range of other research projects and opportunities. Those that may be of particular interest are projects looking at retention of physics teachers, English mastery and for those schools with post-16 provision, research into maths resits. We strongly encourage all schools to consider participating in a trial as a brilliant source of CPD for your teachers. More information on trials currently recruiting can be found here: <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/projects-and-evaluation/recruiting/#>

Bulletins

For the next academic year we will continue to circulate a fortnightly R and D bulletin to CPD and R and D Leads. The bulletin will include the latest news from the EEF, the Research Schools Network and links to other interesting publications and blogs. We hope that this will be a useful resource to support the continued development of teaching and learning across the Y TSA and will complement the CPD programme.

Sharepoint

A reminder to all CPD leads and those facilitating Y TSA sessions that our Sharepoint site is up and running. We are constantly populating it with a range of documents, articles, blog posts and research documents to support the delivery of CPD in Y TSA schools and at Y TSA sessions. If you would like to add anything to the site, please send to Tori. Tori will also re-share the SharePoint log on information with all schools.

Katie Hunter
Y TSA R&D Lead

School to School Support:

This year has been notable for the rich variety of schools that Y TSA has supported and the value we have gained through the sharing of best practice with colleagues. It is always a privilege to visit other schools, often in widely differing contexts in the knowledge that we are making a difference to young peoples' futures. It has also been notable for the geographical spread of the work Scarborough to Liverpool and south in to the East Midlands.

I would like to thank all those colleagues who have taken time out of their busy schedules to support our work as well as Head Teachers for releasing their staff.

I am pleased to report that last month, after two days of rigorous interviews we were able to recruit over twenty new SLE's. The interview panel were highly impressed with the quality of the candidates and the professional manner in which they handled the interview process; it was a very rigorous. Our increased capacity means that we are in a much strong position to place the appropriate person to assignments right across the region.

In terms of projects a substantial amount of our current work has come through the Bradford Opportunities Area. This has involved us working with St Mary's Teaching School to provide support in three Bradford Schools. From September we will have colleagues working on a fortnightly basis in Bradford and this will provide the opportunity for significant and sustained impact over the entire academic year.

Over the next year we aim to involve all our SLE's in at least one project and I am encouraged by the regularity of requests for projects both from individual schools and Learning Trusts across the region.

There are also many opportunities to support schools within our own alliance and I was encouraged to hear from Y TSA Headteachers, at their recent Alliance meeting, about the significant impact this work has had in the current year. This is an area which we aim to develop further in the future. Please don't hesitate to contact Tori Bramah our administrator, if you want further information about any potential support you might require.

I would like to thank all colleagues for your continued support and have a well-deserved summer holiday.

Nigel Beetles
Y TSA StSS Lead

ITT: (Next meeting, Wednesday 11th September 2019)

The year of 2018-2019 Y TSA trainees completed their final placements last month to graduate into the world of the NQT. No more host teachers watching over their shoulders every lesson to ensure that they are secure and providing confirmation that accountability is not quite resting on the trainees shoulders. The challenge and excitement was for all to see as the trainees passed out of the Y TSA graduation afternoon to say farewell in front of this year's new cohort who looked on apprehensively.

The progress from November to June is remarkable. As many trainees take those first strides to the front of their new class wondering if they have the nerve, the voice and charisma required to stimulate and engage a large group of teenagers. Then, barely six months later, confidence intact and using skills and qualities that they possibly were not aware of to plan and teach in a way that they could probably only dream of. Very well done to all of our trainees, you have been an excellent group and have shown incredible enthusiasm and commitment throughout the various stages of this difficult year. The results attained and confirmed at the University exam boards show that our trainees have achieved really well. Notably, the Universities have highlighted the large number of our trainees who achieved the top grade '1'. Additionally, there have been some impressive individual achievements with Ellie McCarthy securing the strongest academic profile with her grades in all units at the University of York. We would like to express our sincere condolences and at the same time pass on our congratulations to Stevie Howl. Stevie lost her father in the final weeks of the course and we are very sorry for her loss at this difficult time. She was also singled out by both Leeds Trinity University and her second placement school as one of the strongest and loveliest trainee teachers that they had ever worked with. Well done Stevie and well done to all of our trainees for a great years work! We hope you stay in touch and remember that you will always be one of our trainees and so we would continue to support wherever we can!

Please can we express our thanks to everyone that has been involved with Y TSA trainees this year! Coordinators, mentors, host teachers, teachers who have delivered on the PTS programme, our administrative team, University staff, Senior mentors have all played their part, contributed enormously and been immense in their support of the trainees.

Presently we are approaching thirty trainees recruited for next year. Our first day with them was two weeks ago on Induction Day and once again they seemed a very enthusiastic, nice and committed group of people. We are presently working hard to allocate placements and really appreciate the support and help of our

placement schools in what is in effect a fairly difficult jigsaw puzzle. We will be in touch soon to confirm placements and mentors.

We are looking forward to meeting our ITT Coordinators early in the new school year and have found ourselves in a slightly difficult position with ITT Network meetings this year. We understand that there is an expectation to attend University meetings and are aware that our partner schools may have a number of providers that they use for ITT trainees. With the pressure on cover and schools allowing staff out of school, we have been careful not to ask our YTSA Coordinators to attend meetings unless essential and this has reduced the number of meetings this year. For the future, we intend to meet once at the start of the year and then use other forms of communication to stay in touch with Coordinators and mentors at partner schools for the remainder of the year. The date for our next ITT Network meeting will be Wednesday 11th September 2019.

Have a great summer everyone, enjoy some time to reflect and re-charge and see you in September!

Dave Holdsworth
Director of ITT

YTSA Diary Key Dates 2019/20

Network Meetings

(All Network Meetings 10am – 12.30pm)

ITT Network Meeting:

Wednesday 11th September 2019

CPD/R&D Network Meetings:

Thursday 10th October 2019

Thursday 6th February 2020

Thursday 4th April 2020

YTSA Headteacher's Conference

Wednesday 24th June 2020

Conferences & Events

YTSA Secondary NQT Conference:

Part 1 Thursday 7th November 2019 9am – 1pm

Part 2 Thursday 19th June 2020 9am – 1pm

King James's School

St Aidan's School

YTSA Secondary RQT Conference:

Thursday 23rd January 2020 9am – 1pm

Horsforth School

Research Lead Training:

Part 1 – Thursday 3rd October 2019 9am – 1pm

Part 2 – Thursday 30th Jan 2020 9am – 1pm

St Aidan's School

St Aidan's School

Conference for School Leaders

Guest Speaker Mary Myatt

Wednesday 18th March 2020 9am - 1pm

St Aidan's School

Conference for Teaching Assistants

Wednesday 18th March 2020 9am – 12.30pm

King James's School

Other

YTSA ITT School Experience Open Day

Friday 29th November 2019 9am – 3pm

St Aidan's School

ITT Pre-Induction Day & Graduation Ceremony

Thursday 25th June 2020

St Aidan's School

Congratulations to the following YTSA ITT Students who will be starting new posts in September:

Metcalfe, Matthew	Woodkirk Academy	Physics
Lesser, Jason	Woodkirk Academy	English
Stockwell, Tom	Westborough High School, Dewsbury	English
Howl, Stevie	Trinity Academy, Halifax	RE
Deacon, Mary	St Aidan's CE High School	Geography
Sarah Marsay-Green	South Hunsley School	Biology
Leonie Ricard	Roundhay School, Leeds	MFL
Francesca Bakes	Harrogate Grammar School	PE
Katie Thompson	Tadcaster Grammar School	PE
Georgina Johnson	Benton Park School	Biology
Rhian Stephens	Brigshaw High School	Biology
Sarah O'Mahoney	Thirsk School & Sixth Form College	Maths
Catherine Allsop	Guisley School	History
Ellie McCarthy	Bradford Grammar School	English
Nataile Clisham	South Craven School	Biology
Ellie Wildin	Brigshaw High School	Maths
Alex Condon	Harrogate High School	Biology
Josh Rimmer	Archbishop Holgate, York	Geography