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TEACHING SCHOOL

## November 2014

We have had an exciting and successful start to the new school year; thank you to everyone who has supported us and we look forward to continuing to build new networks and supporting schools across our alliance and beyond!

### Primary Excellence Courses and Development Programmes

#### Improving Teacher Programme

Our Improving Teacher Programme is primarily aimed at teachers *in their second year of teaching*, who want to advance, develop and improve their teaching practice and deliver consistently good teaching and learning.

Our next programme commences on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015 and runs for 6 weeks (Half Days). The cost of the programme is £575.

#### Outstanding Teacher Programme

The Outstanding Teacher Programme (OTP) is for teachers who are *consistently good and have the potential to become outstanding*.

The OTP empowers teachers to consistently deliver high quality teaching and learning. Through practical and interactive development sessions, participants will build confidence as they generate ideas and strategies on how to improve their practice.

Our next programme commences on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and comprises seven sessions over nine weeks (mixing full and half days). Within this there are linked practical 'In-school' tasks which take place in your own and another participant's school.

The cost of the programme is £650.

If you are interested in us delivering a programme at a venue closer to you, to a group of 12 or more participants; please contact us to talk this through in more detail.

For further details, please contact: [angela.jenkins@primaryexcellence.org](mailto:angela.jenkins@primaryexcellence.org)

## **NQT DEVELOPMENT: THE JOURNEY TO OUTSTANDING**

Primary Excellence Teaching School Alliance in partnership with Exeter Diocese, is hosting a series of four professional development sessions for Newly Qualified Teachers in the spring and summer terms 2015.

The Journey to Outstanding is a series of 4 workshops, which enable NQTs to identify what high quality teaching and learning looks like through using the research findings of John Hattie, Dylan William and Shirley Clarke.

Each workshop contains opportunities for sharing of good practice, seeing live lessons and reflecting on research findings. NQTs leave the workshop with knowledge and skills, which can be implemented in their classroom the very next day.

The workshops will be taking place in schools in Devon and Torbay between 8:30am and 12pm. They are delivered by Specialist Leaders of Education in order for the NQTs to benefit from working with outstanding teachers.

Our next programme commences on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The cost of the programme is £120.

### Programme Venues:

Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2015	Ellacombe Academy
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	Blackpool CofE Primary School
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2015	Ellacombe Academy
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	Shaldon Primary School

## **Specialist Leaders of Education (SLE)**

Specialist Leaders of Education are outstanding middle and senior leaders who have the skills to support and individuals in similar positions in others schools.

We are excited to be working with sixteen SLEs, who are all outstanding primary practitioners and have a wide range of primary expertise. A comprehensive list of our SLEs can be found on our website: [www.primaryexcellence.org](http://www.primaryexcellence.org)

If you would like to discover more about how SLEs can help you to develop leadership across your school, please contact: [angela.jenkins@primaryexcellence.org](mailto:angela.jenkins@primaryexcellence.org)

## **Leadership Programmes**

### **Diversifying Leadership Programme**

#### **Might you be ready to lead in a school in the next 18 months?**

Grants of up to £700 available for aspiring leaders.

This project aims to support under-represented (e.g. BME, women and disabled), ambitious and talented people find a next-step promotion by enabling them to develop leadership skills that have they have not yet had the opportunity to demonstrate.

We do this by offering seed funding for a school improvement project in their area and offer them advice and coaching as to how to shape their project to best advantage. In particular we encourage them to take risks in developing weaker aspects of their leadership and to see the project in two ways: improving outcomes for children and developing leadership skills and confidence.

This project is led by All Saints Teaching School. For more information, please contact Tracey Cleverly, All Saints Teaching School Alliance Lead at: [tcleverly@astsa.org](mailto:tcleverly@astsa.org)

## **Leading Schools South West**

### **Leadership Development**

Both of these programmes are delivered by Learning Schools South West (LSSW). This not-for-profit company (made up of representatives of Primary and Secondary schools from Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth and Torbay) has been formed to give schools in the South West a leading role in running leadership programmes for their own staff.

For more information, their website is: [www.leading-schools-southwest.org.uk](http://www.leading-schools-southwest.org.uk)

### **National Professional Qualification for Middle Leaders (NPQML)**

- Recruitment is still open for Round 3 of NPQML, with the programme starting in late Autumn.
- This programme is designed for Middle Leaders with responsibility for leading a team, including a key stage or curriculum subject.
- NPQML will take a year on average, although it can be extended to 18 months
- There will be a mixture of training – face to face days, twilight sessions, online work, peer networking and work in your home school.
- Participants will have to complete two essential modules and one elective module. (see LSSW website for more details)
- The application form is available from the LSSW website

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£1 050	School with NOR 100 or fewer	NC full subsidy of £1 050	No cost
£1 050	NOR 101 – 250	NC 50% subsidy of £525	£525
£1 050	250 + NOR	NC partial subsidy of £118	£932

### National Professional Qualification for Senior Leaders (NPQSL)

- Recruitment is now open for Intake 3 (until 21 November); the programme commences early 2015.
- The qualification is designed for Senior Leaders with a responsibility across their school including experienced middle leaders, deputy heads, assistant heads, SENCOs, advanced skills teachers and other senior staff looking for excellent professional development, but not aspiring to headship as their next job.
- NPQSL will take a year on average, although it can be extended to 18 months, allowing you to fit your study around your work and home commitments.
- There will be a mixture of training – face to face days, twilight sessions, online work, peer networking and work in your home school.
- Participants will have to complete two essential modules and two elective module. (see LSSW website for more details)

The application form is available from the LSSW website:

[www.leadingschoolssouthwest.org.uk](http://www.leadingschoolssouthwest.org.uk)

#### COSTS :

NCTL Guide Cost	NCTL Subsidy based on PLASC Report		LSSW cost to applicant
£1 400	School with NOR 100 or fewer	NC full subsidy of £1 400	No cost
£1 400	NOR 101 – 250	NC 50% subsidy of £700	£700
£1 400	250 + NOR	NC partial subsidy of £158	£1 242

NB Anyone who is considering NPQSL and wants to have the subsidy, should apply for funding as soon as possible, by contacting Carol Littlejohn: [carol.littlejohn@selt.org.uk](mailto:carol.littlejohn@selt.org.uk)

## Primary Excellence Initial Teacher Training

The first half term of our School Direct programme has been very successful with our 12 current trainees partaking in a mixture of seminars delivered by the University of Plymouth and teaching alongside outstanding practitioners in the classroom. They are already developing the skills and knowledge needed to be outstanding teachers.

From November, Primary Excellence Teaching School Alliance will be recruiting for next year's cohort of trainees, ready to start in September. We are committed to the recruitment of future outstanding teachers through School Direct; we aim to develop and support new, talented teachers into the profession, through high quality training, delivered by excellent practitioners in our schools and universities. In order to do this, one of the benefits we offer to trainees is a wide range of schools within the Partnership offering outstanding training and placements within a wide range of different contexts. Primary Excellence is particularly looking for schools that can offer placements with outstanding teachers in Primary and EYFS settings. School Direct is proven to be an extremely effective route into teaching due to the amount of time trainees spend working alongside high quality teachers, as well as input from the university which the trainees can implement straight away.

If you would like to find out more about School Direct and the benefits that these high calibre trainees can bring, as well as growing the next generation of teachers for our schools, then please contact Louise Connick at [Lconnick@lapsw.org](mailto:Lconnick@lapsw.org)

### And Finally

If you would like to join our alliance as a member or an associate, or know more about Primary Excellence Teaching School and how we can help your school, please contact:

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