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TEACHING SCHOOL

EMPOWERING EXCELLENCE

December 2015

We are delighted to announce the launch of our new programme designed for Teaching Assistants

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Programme

The Outstanding Teaching Assistant Programme is for teaching assistants who are, or who have the potential to be, outstanding in their roles. The programme is intended to develop the potential for teaching assistants to have a wider impact on improving the quality of teaching and learning across the school.

Objectives:

- Place a greater emphasis on the purpose and value of the lessons they support
- Raise levels of engagement and achievement in learning
- Use different methods and styles of support to challenge learners
- Innovate and take risks
- Have a bigger impact on the planning and assessment of the learners they support
- Demonstrate a higher level understanding of teaching and learning
- Be able to coach their peers to raise performance.

Each programme comprises of five morning sessions over five consecutive weeks. The key ingredient is the opportunity to share previous experience, existing expertise and new learning with colleagues in a safe, supportive and challenging environment.

Commencing Wednesday 13th January 2015

If you are interested in finding out more, please visit our website

<http://www.primaryexcellence.org/296/outstanding-teaching-assistant-programme>

or contact: Isabelle Candy enquiries@primaryexcellence.org to register your interest
or

Angela Jenkins angela.jenkins@primaryexcellence.org for more information.

Outstanding Teacher Programme and Improving Teacher Programme

We still have places available on our popular Outstanding Teacher Programme for the Spring Term 2016

Outstanding Teacher Programme commencing Wednesday 13th January at St. Leonard's CE Primary School, Exeter

Alternatively we are very happy to talk to you about how we can run a bespoke programme for you at your setting.

If you are interested in your teachers taking part in one of these popular programmes, please contact: Isabelle Candy isabelle.candy@firstfederation.org to register your interest or Angela Jenkins angela.jenkins@primaryexcellence.org for more information.

Full details and future dates for both of these programmes can be found on our website: <http://www.primaryexcellence.org/273/continuing-professional-development-overview>

Annual Administrators Conference

After the success of last year's conference, when 70 administrators from across Devon attended our first Administrator's Conference, we are pleased to confirm the date and venue for our 2016 event.

Primary Excellence Administrator's Conference

Thursday 16th June

Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre

Confirmed Speakers: Peninsula Pensions and SCOMIS



"A great conference! There was a good mix of topics being discussed and this was a great opportunity to meet other administrators. Thank you for organising today."

"The conference was informative and gave us the chance to ask specific and relevant questions about areas we were unclear of. It was great to have something aimed at administrators only."

To express your interest in attending or if you have any suggestions for next year's event please contact Isabelle Candy at enquiries@primaryexcellence.org

School Teaching and Learning Reviews

We have dates available for next year! This popular review provides an independent opinion of a whole school's teaching & learning through:

- a review of the school's data
- lesson observation of every teacher
- work scrutiny
- discussions with pupils
- discussions with the senior leadership team
- discussion with the headteacher
- discussions with parents
- a review of the learning environment

Verbal feedback is given to teachers and the headteacher on the day, followed by a written report with judgements matched to Ofsted criteria.

The reviewers are all experienced headteachers, and include:

- two National Leaders of Education
- two Ofsted inspectors
- a former local authority Principal Inspector.

For more information contact Rick Baker at enquiries@primaryexcellence.org

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 currently recruiting Specialist Leaders of Education to join our established team. Are you an experienced leader who is ready to support others over a wider community? We are looking for Primary SLEs with skills in Maths, English, Assessment and IT.

More information about our SLEs can be found on our website:

<http://www.primaryexcellence.org/221/overview> .

For more information or to request an application form, please contact Angela Jenkins (Teaching School Leader) angela.jenkins@primaryexcellence.org

Primary Excellence Initial Teacher Training

Do you know anybody who wants to train as a teacher, becoming part of a team from the very first day of the school year and spending most of their training in schools? We offer our trainees the highest caliber of training, placing them only with outstanding teachers. We have changed our HEI provider and from 2016 we will be in partnership with the University of St Mark & St John. We are developing a programme to ensure that we develop teachers who can meet the needs within our alliance schools.

We are currently recruiting for next year and we are holding a selection of open days during the Spring Term. Dates for these will be announced on our Website www.primaryexcellence.org.

School Direct is an excellent way to solve your recruitment issues. As a School Direct Partner you are part of the selection, programme design and training of ITE trainees. Whilst there is no expectation that alliance schools employ a School Direct Trainee, this year over 70% of our trainees have secured posts in an alliance school. The popularity of our programme is growing and due to demand, we have had to increase our places to 20. As an alliance member who is part of the School Direct programme, you also receive an early career development package for any trainees you employ. This is over £1000 of training that they will receive at no cost to the alliance school. School Direct is an exciting opportunity for schools to have real control over the future of teaching.

If you are interested in joining the alliance and becoming a School Direct Partner School, please contact Fay Pollard enquiries@primaryexcellence.org

Keeping in touch with our latest news

You can find our latest news on our website www.primaryexcellence.org.



In addition to this we have a Twitter account where you can see regular updates and information that you will find useful. Follow us [@PE_teachsch](https://twitter.com/PE_teachsch)

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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