

Spring Newsletter 2022/23

Dear Colleagues, hope you are well and good.

This newsletter contains an update on the recent Leicester and Leicestershire Teaching School Hub activity across our region.



Appropriate Body Service

Following a recent [DfE consultation on Appropriate Body \(AB\) services](#), from September 2023 Local Authorities will no longer be acting as Appropriate Bodies for Early Career Teachers. Over the last few months, we have been working in partnership with Leicester City Council to successfully migrate and welcome 114 ECTs to our Teaching School Hub service. We are looking forward to working with these new ECTs, Mentors, ECF Leads and Headteachers and are planning a suite of induction webinars to ensure they continue to have excellent provision to support the successful completion of their ECTs' Statutory Induction. We would like to also pay tribute to the hard work and commitment of Mark Cordell who retires this term from Leicester City Council, particularly for his work supporting school improvement and the induction of ECTs over many years in the city.

National Professional Qualifications

This term we received some exciting news that the participants on our first cohort of specialist National Professional Qualifications all passed their NPQ assessments. A 100% pass rate is quite unique so we are thrilled that our participants were all successful and will go on to apply their understanding in our schools to further support young people. It is also a testament to our expert facilitation team who provide the specialist knowledge required to support our participants.



Recruitment to our Spring cohort of NPQs is now complete and over the next few weeks of the Spring term we will be welcoming over 130 school staff from across the region to begin their NPQ journey with us. We are pleased that schools continue to value the quality of the professional learning that the reformed suite of NPQs brings and the expertise of our local NPQ facilitators.

If you are not yet familiar with our NPQ offer, [please see our brochure](#) which outlines the full breadth and scope of the NPQ professional learning available through our Teaching School Hub in partnership with Teach First.

Early Career Framework

We welcomed our January cohort of ECTs to the Early Career Framework programme just after Christmas have now have 256 ECTS on our Year 1 programme working with their Mentors and our facilitators to support their professional learning over 2022/23.

In early March we also hosted OFSTED at the Teaching School Hub as part of the inspection of Teach First's Early Career provision. Mid point evaluations of our programme indicate high levels of satisfaction above national averages so this is likely to be part of the reason we were selected to work with the inspection team. We are very grateful to those ECTs, Mentors and Headteachers who

were selected to meet the inspector for their time and support and we look forward to reading the outcome of this inspection.

Looking ahead to next academic year, we have secured an alternative conference venue at the [NSPCC National Training Centre](#) in Leicester and will hold ECF conference events for Mentors and ECTs across a number of weeks in September so that schools with a large number of ECTs or those in smaller settings have much more flexibility to release their staff for these important conference events.

 NSPCC

Leicester & Leicestershire Teaching School Hub Improvement Plan

Through our partnership with the [Teaching School Hub Council](#) we have developed our strategic improvement plan for the next two years. One of the aspects of the plan centres around our operational improvement and since October, we have also been working with an IT solutions company [Pragmatiq](#) to develop a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) platform. While this will strengthen our own internal systems, more importantly, it will allow us to further extend our reach and better support those schools who are yet to engage with the fully funded professional learning offer available.



Additionally, we are in the process of recruiting a new ECF Development Lead following the departure of Mara Stanculescu. Mara has worked at the Teaching School since June 2021 and had immediate impact on our data handling through her meticulous attention to detail. We are grateful to Mara for all the support she has provided to ECTs and their Mentors during her time at the Hub and we wish her well for her future career.

Teaching School Hub Partnership Group

As mentioned in the previous update, this year we are especially keen to continue to strengthen our Partnership Group so if you would like to participate and feed into our strategy and improvement journey, please do send expressions of interest to [Simon Renshaw](#)

I hope this provides you with a useful update on our most recent activities to support the 203 schools in our region. We continue to work in partnership with schools and organisations within and beyond our Hub area with a view to ensuring we provide a professional learning offer which directly improves outcomes for all our young people.

Very best wishes for the Easter break and the Summer term ahead,

Simon Renshaw

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