

# NPQSL

## National Professional Qualification in Senior Leadership

Are you currently a school leader who is aspiring to be a senior leader with cross-school responsibilities?  
Would you like to develop expertise in the knowledge, skills and concepts for areas of cross and whole school responsibility?  
Are you ready to take the next step in your school leadership role?

### How will I benefit?

Colleagues will receive expert input from our facilitation team who represent the diversity and experience of school leadership within our region. Working with experienced school leaders and facilitators, you will be supported to effectively implement change and improvement in an area related to your role

A refreshed assessment process in place for all NPQs to reduce the workload burden while still providing an opportunity to apply knowledge in one summative written case study

Over 18 months, using a fully blended learning approach and enrichment activities, you will access content across a breadth of areas such as teaching, behaviour and professional development to develop you as a senior school leader.

With the backing of your headteacher, the start of your NPQ journey is just an application away

Please visit our website to apply for a place in the next cohort or contact the [Leicester and Leicestershire Teaching School hub](#) for more information.



## Local Expert Leaders

You will receive expert input from our facilitation team who represent the diversity and experience of school leadership within our region. Our facilitators are all Headteachers or Senior Leaders from Leicester City and Leicestershire Primary and Secondary schools and will offer support and content appropriate to your locality and updated to reflect national developments and legislation.



**Anne-Marie Blewitt**

Anne Marie is a recently retired Executive headteacher. With over 36 years experience in teaching and as a senior leader, her focus is now on developing highly effective school leaders through facilitating the NPQ programmes.



**Ellen Croft**

Ellen is the Director of Inclusion and SEND Hub and Vice Principal CPLD at Ash Field Academy. Ash Field Academy is an outstanding Specialist School in Evington. With over 20 years of teaching and leadership experience, Ellen is an experienced education facilitator.



**Mandi Collins**

Mandi is Trust Leader of the mixed primary and secondary MAT Success AT, as well as Principal of Thomas Estley CC. She currently oversees all TELA learning alliance CPD and has delivered NPQ at all levels from specialist to NPQEL over the last decade.



**Farhan Adam**

Farhan is Principal of Crown Hills CC. He is also an Ofsted Inspector and was recently shortlisted for Headteacher of the Year with TES and Awarded Silver Winner with Pearsons. CHCC was also a Silver Winner in the Pearsons Secondary School of the Year in 2023. This is his third headship.

**Working with local school leaders and subject matter experts to turn new learning into positive changes for you, your colleagues and your school**

## Engaging Content and Assessment

You will develop expertise in the knowledge, skills and concepts for responsibility related to your role as an aspiring or current leading teacher.

*100% of NPQ participants with the Leicester and Leicestershire Teaching School Hub passed their NPQ in 2023, a success well above the national average*

### What you will learn

You will develop as a specialist in areas related to your role by subject and phase. The programme lasts 18 months and is a blend of one hour online seminars, 3 x face to face meetings (launch and 2 x conferences) and flexible online learning. Modules include:

- School culture
- Implementation
- Governance and accountability
- Organisational management
  - Behaviour
  - Teaching
- Curriculum and assessment
  - Additional SEND
- Professional Development
  - Working in partnership
- Group and assessment information

### How you will be assessed

The assessment process for all NPQs has been refreshed to reduce the workload burden on teachers while still providing an opportunity to apply knowledge gained through the programme.

To pass the NPQSL programme, members will need to have engaged with at least 90% of the course and must pass a summative assessment in the form of a written case study. This will be based on an area covered in the programme. Assessment takes place within three months of completing the NPQ programme that will be an unseen case study of 2,000 words. Delegates will have 7 days to submit a response in no more than 1500 words. An extra, optional online seminar offering assessment guidance and support will be available to colleagues.



## Impact and Evaluation

We want to make sure schools in Leicester and Leicestershire get the best specialist leadership training and support to succeed. That's good for our young people, who get brilliant leaders. It's good for our teachers who want to progress. It's good for our schools who get to develop and keep talented staff.

The leaders of the programme have been really friendly and approachable. They clearly have so much knowledge between them and have been open about sharing their experiences. There is a good mix of primary and secondary colleagues so you feel you are represented from your particular phase of education.

2021 LeLTSH NPQSL colleague

*The NPQSL has been transformative for me in terms of enabling me to develop my understanding of the bigger picture and, in turn, my own vision. I have become much braver - taking ideas to SLT and asking to take the lead on diagnosing issues, then working in partnership with SLT to develop a strategy. I think the structure of this programme helped me become more reflective and proactive. I feel I am working in a smart way by using evidence much more, rather than gut reactions or feelings.*

2022 LeLTSH NPQSL colleague

Completing this course alongside my current leadership role has been invaluable. The programme has been delivered superbly by the leaders. They have made our online seminars and conferences fulfilling and realistic.

2022 LeLTSH NPQSL colleague,

**98% of NPQ colleagues in our region agree or strongly agree that the training delivered by Leicester and Leicestershire Teaching School hub is of high quality**

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