

# Summer Term Newsletter 2023/24



Dear colleagues,

I hope you are all well and had a restorative half term break. This newsletter contains a summary update on the latest Teaching School Hub activity.

## Initial Teacher Training

Providers across our Hub area are all ready to implement the new ITT quality criteria for 2024. Our webinars updating schools have been well attended and schools locally have been supportive of the changes.

The strategic ITT role that Teaching School Hubs will play across our hub area for next year will involve supporting schools not yet engaged in ITT and undertaking activities to support the recruitment of high-quality trainees for all providers across Leicester and Leicestershire.

## Early Career Framework

Many thanks to all ECF leads, ECTs and Mentors for their commitment to learning, shown through their engagement with the ECF this academic year.

For next year we plan to:

- Continue to provide dedicated training and networking opportunities for ECF Leads following a positive response this year.
- Shorten the length of all induction conferences to reduce the cover burden on schools.
- Provide further refinement to our online seminars to ensure continuity between self-directed study and seminar content.

Information on ECF and AB registration has been sent to all schools and the DfE registration portal for ECTs and Mentors is now open.

## Appropriate Body Service

Following some revisions to our reporting templates this year, and our feedback to schools after the reporting windows, we plan to develop our AB service next year through the formation of an assessment committee, which will help to moderate feedback to schools.

If you are an ECF lead / school leader interested in joining the assessment committee, please do get in touch.

## National Professional Qualifications

As you will have seen from recent correspondence, applications are now open for both funded and non-funded NPQs, for an October 2024 start.

In October we will see the launch of our 10<sup>th</sup> NPQ Programme, [NPQSEND](#), which will be facilitated by two expert SENCOs practitioners from our hub region, **Lisa Loaiza-Sanchez** and **Lynsey O’Keeffe**. It will become the mandatory qualification for SENCOs from September 2024, replacing the NASENCO qualification.

We would also like to thank all school leaders, programme members and facilitators who contributed at short notice to the recent Teach First NPQ OFSTED inspection. The outcome won’t be published for a few months, but the response was testament to the depth of partnership and collaboration between both the Teaching School Hub and the schools we serve.

I hope this provides you with a useful update on our most recent activities to support the schools in our region and should you require any further information, please don’t hesitate to contact us at the Teaching School Hub.

Withing you all a restful and restorative summer break.

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