

Summer Term Newsletter 2024/25



Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are all well and looking forward to a well-earned summer break. This newsletter provides an end-of-year update on the latest activity at the Teaching School Hub.

School Leader Satisfaction

Many thanks to colleagues who completed our annual School Leader Satisfaction Survey. We are delighted to report that,

100% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they were *“satisfied with my school's overall experience of working with the Teaching School Hub”* and *“The professional development delivered by the TSH has had a positive impact on my school's workforce.”*

While we continue to strive for improvement, these responses continue to highlight the value school leaders place on our work to support teacher and school leader development. It is a privilege to work alongside such inspirational schools and staff across Leicester and Leicestershire.

Strategic Initial Teacher Training

Over the past two years, Teaching School Hubs have been tasked with mapping the local ITT landscape, supporting schools not yet engaged with ITT, and developing strategies to boost trainee recruitment. **Liam Powell** has led this work with tireless commitment and has been a staunch advocate for both trainees and schools across our region.

Thanks to this work, over **98% of hub schools are now engaged with ITT**. While the Department for Education will not continue to fund this aspect of Hub delivery next year, local providers are working to sustain the legacy of Liam's leadership. We offer our heartfelt thanks to Liam for leading this work with such a warm, professional and collaborative vision.

The positive impact of this strategy is evident in local trainee recruitment. Bucking the national trend, all local ITT providers report a secure recruitment picture for 2025–26. Specifically, the Leicester and Leicestershire SCITT, in partnership with TELA, looks forward to working with partner schools to train around **120 new primary and secondary entrants** to the profession next year.

Early Career Teacher Entitlement

Thank you to all Induction Leads, ECTs, and Mentors for your commitment to professional learning this academic year. We have worked with over **350 ECTs and 300 Mentors** and look forward to welcoming next year's cohort to our September induction conferences.

This new cohort will be the first to train under the updated ITTECF framework—an exciting step forward.

Information on ECF and Appropriate Body registration has been sent to all schools, and the DfE registration portal for ECTs and mentors remains open.

We would also like to thank **Jenny King** for her valuable contributions over the last two years. Jenny has played a key role in strengthening our impact and evaluation processes, and in developing facilitator quality and training. Alongside her leadership at Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I College, Jenny will now support ITT trainees at the Leicester and Leicestershire Secondary SCITT.

National Professional Qualifications

This year, we've continued to offer the full suite of NPQ programmes to schools across Leicester and Leicestershire. Across both cohorts, we have supported over **250 aspirant and serving leaders**. Our pass rates remain above the national average for Teach First, and as the programme offer expands, our facilitation team has grown and diversified. We were especially proud to see two of our facilitators, **Farhan Adam** (NPQSL) and **Stephanie Edwards** (NPQEL), recognised in the recent King's Birthday Honours List.

As you may have seen in recent communications, [expressions of interest are now open](#) for next year's single NPQ cohort. We will share further details on funding, eligibility, and start dates as soon as they are confirmed.

I hope this provides you with a useful update and should you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact us at the Teaching School Hub. We look forward to seeing you all next year!

Wishing you all a restful and restorative summer break.

Simon Renshaw

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