

Autumn Term Newsletter 2025/26



Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are all well and looking forward to a well-earned half term break. This newsletter provides a brief update on the latest activity at the Teaching School Hub this year.

Initial Teacher Training

The [Leicester & Leicestershire SCITT](#), working with TELA as a lead delivery partner, has recruited **106 Primary and Secondary trainees** this year securing a strong pipeline of teachers to our area. In order to further strengthen this, Leicester & Leicestershire SCITT are working with colleagues from De Montfort University to offer a [Primary Teacher Degree Apprenticeship](#), making us only one of only three providers nationally delivering this route. Plans are underway this year to offer further Teacher Degree Apprenticeships in Secondary subjects to further enhance teacher supply in Leicester and Leicestershire. In addition to the Teacher Degree Apprenticeship, the SCITT also offers the one year **Post Graduate Apprenticeship** and the **Assessment Only Route**. With over 2/3 of ITT training taking place in school settings we are exceptionally grateful to all our partner schools for hosting trainees to secure teacher supply locally.

Early Career Teacher Entitlement

Over the last three weeks, more than **600 ECTs and their mentors** from across our hub area have taken part in their induction welcome events. Their commitment and enthusiasm at the start of the year was infectious! For those starting in September, the new training programme, based on the **ITTECF**, is now underway, providing updated content, greater personalisation, and increased flexibility. Evaluations from both ECTs and mentors in Years 1 and 2 were exceptionally positive, with **100% of colleagues agreeing or strongly agreeing** that they felt well supported by both the Teaching School Hub and the wider Early Career Training Programme. We are all very much looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

Appropriate Body Services

This year has seen several updates to the [Statutory Induction Guidance for Early Career Teachers](#), and we were delighted to begin the year by inviting all Induction Leads to our first **Annual Conference**. A range of themes were explored, giving both new and experienced Induction Tutors the chance to network and discuss how statutory induction and the ECT programme can be effectively delivered in their settings.

Feedback from the day was overwhelmingly positive, with **100% of colleagues strongly agreeing or agreeing** that they felt more confident to carry out their role as Induction Lead. We have a full calendar of support and training opportunities across the year, including an exciting **collaboration with colleagues from [Steplab](#) in March.**

National Professional Qualifications

As highlighted in recent communications, [applications are now open](#) for colleagues wishing to develop their leadership and deepen their thinking through an NPQ this year, and the deadline for applications is now **Monday 10th November**. Please note that **nationally there is only one NPQ cohort** running, so this will be the only opportunity until **November 2026** for teachers and school leaders to access these fully funded programmes.

We plan to make full use of the funding allocation provided by the Department for Education, but scholarship places are filling up fast, so I would urge colleagues to apply soon to avoid disappointment.

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 working with you all this year.

Wishing you all a restful and restorative half term break when it arrives.

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