

Spring Term Newsletter 2025/26



Dear Colleagues,

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

Initial Teacher Training

Huge thanks to all partner schools who have supported the recent ITT OFSTED inspection at the [Leicester & Leicestershire SCITT](#). The inspection was a thorough process and was able to highlight the depth and strength of our school partnerships. We look forward to being able to share the inspection outcomes and full report with you all soon.

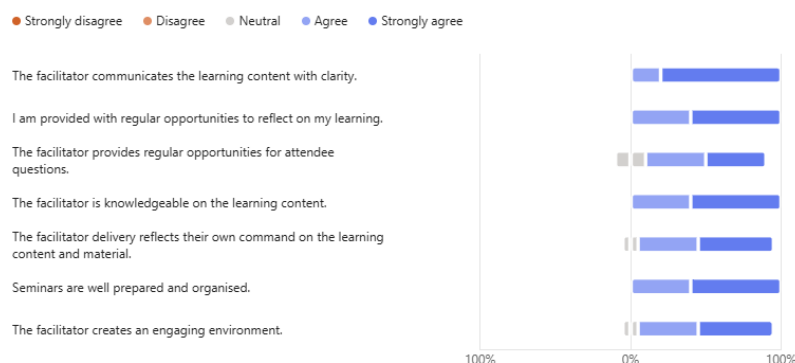
Our Primary Teacher Degree Apprenticeship route, delivered in partnership with De Montfort University, is currently the second largest cohort nationally. It is hoped that this route will be expanded in 2027 to secondary subjects, to further strengthen teacher supply in Leicester and Leicestershire. In addition to the Teacher Degree Apprenticeship, the SCITT also offers the one year Post Graduate Apprenticeship and the Assessment Only Route.

Early Career Teacher Entitlement

The first year of the updated early career teacher training programme is well underway and the adjustments to the programme have been well received. Improved diagnostics assessments offer ECTs bespoke pathways through the programme content, and the mentor training needs analysis offers the same flexibilities for the mentors, recognising their expertise.

Our [Teaching School Linked-In](#) page contains many wonderful examples and “shout outs” between ECTs and their Mentors.

As the ECT programme continues to evolve, we are pleased to share that the feedback from ECTs remains strong.



Currently we are seeking to appoint a secondary English specialist for next academic year to deliver seminars to Year 2 ECTs. If you or a colleague would be interested in expressing an interest in this position please do so [here](#) by 16.00 Monday 27th April 2026.

Appropriate Body Services

This term we welcomed colleagues **Millie Denby** from Step lab and **Bec Higgs** from Wigston Academy Trust to work alongside Induction Tutors, to share some work they have been doing around lesson observation and the formulation of action steps for teachers.

The slides from their session can be found [here](#) alongside a resource created by the Teaching School Hub which matches [Steplab's Simple Model of Teaching to the Teachers Standards](#).

National Professional Qualifications

For the foreseeable future, there will only be one recruitment round for NPQs each academic year. We plan to once again offer the full suite of 10 NPQ programmes to Leicester and Leicestershire Schools, starting in autumn 2026. We anticipate hearing from the DfE about scholarship funding and start dates in late April, but if you or a colleague would like to express an interest in joining the next cohort of NPQs please do fill in our [expression of interest form](#).

Additionally, we are seeking to appoint a primary specialist for next academic year to co deliver our NPQ for Leading Teacher Development. If you or a colleague would be interested in expressing an interest in this position please do so [here](#) by 16.00 Monday 27th April 2026.

Following the release of the [Every child achieving and thriving - GOV.UK](#) White Paper, Teaching School Hubs will be delivering three new Programmes over the next two years. The first will be a programme for Reception Teaching, delivered from September 2026 and secondly, Inclusive Teaching and Inclusive Leadership for first delivery in September 2027. We will keep you all informed as further information is made available.

Centre for Children's Workforce

Following the [Joined up Institute and UK Youth's pilot project](#) in Leicester, the thoughts of colleagues at The Mead Institute turned to how we can continue to support the Children's workforce in a sustainable way across Leicester and Leicestershire. In September 2026, the Mead Institute will be delivering a [Foundation Degree Programme in partnership with the Centre for Children's workforce](#).

If you have colleagues working in your school who do not yet have a degree but have a desire to obtain one while continuing their work with young people, this programme could be ideal. Please email hello@childrensworkforce.org.uk or enquiries@themedainstitute-tmet.uk for further information.

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.

Wishing you all a restful and restorative Easter holiday when it arrives.

Simon Renshaw

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