

# TEACHING SCHOOL HUB NEWSLETTER

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Star Teaching  
School Hub  
Bolton, Bury, Rochdale

Dear colleagues,

I hope that you are having a good term and that the disruption caused by the pandemic is beginning to lessen. The Teaching School Hub continues to support the recruitment and retention of our workforce by developing leaders, teachers, Early Career Teachers and mentors through the Golden Thread. As well as participating in training there are also opportunities for development through delivery of these programmes. Next year we will require greater numbers of Lead Associates and Associates for the ECF Programme, NPQ courses and the Appropriate Body (AB). The AB service is significant as ECTs, induction leads and headteachers are going through the new two-year induction assessment for the first time. Working locally on such national programmes and services provides opportunities to bring new skills, experiences and learning into schools. More about how to get involved can be found in the 'partner with us' section of the newsletter. You will also find a round-up of local CPD offers and guidance on registration for the ECF Programme for new ECTs.

Thank you for all you are doing to support your Teaching School Hub. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Tim Freeman

Partnership Director - Bolton, Bury and Rochdale TSH



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## NEWS

- > **Fully funded programme for SENCOs and SEND Leaders in mainstream schools including four half days of training.**
- > **Partnership opportunities to deliver and coordinate our Golden Thread programmes including ECF, NPQs and Appropriate Body.**
- > **Subject masterclasses for secondary leads — taught by real experts in their field.**



## HIGH QUALITY TEACHING & LEARNING STRATEGIES FOR SEND

### BOOK NOW TO RESERVE YOUR FULLY FUNDED PLACE ON THE DFE APPROVED PD OFFER

This intensive course covers the understanding of contextual SEND data and the statutory duties for schools, leaders and teachers. The programme is aimed at SENCOs and SEND Leaders in mainstream schools. Star Teaching School Hubs are funding the delivery of this programme twice during the year.

The practical element of the course looks at all four broad areas of need. Each area is broken down into common conditions, which are further inspected by looking at common difficulties and high-quality, research and evidence informed strategies that can be easily implemented into the classroom to support learners with SEND.

The Star Teaching School Hub is running this course three times, fully funded, for up to two leaders per school. The course will be delivered over four half days. The first course is underway and is receiving positive feedback from participants. The next course for the Bolton Bury Rochdale hub starts on **6 May**, and a final delivery of the course for this year starts on **3 June**.

*'Great ideas to use within school that don't have a big budget. Explained strategies teachers can use within the classroom.'*

*Participant on the HQT Programme*

Click [here](#) to find out more and register



## PARTNER WITH US

We are committed to working with schools to improve the school system. One mechanism through which we can do this is by harnessing local talent and expertise for the delivery of the Golden Thread programmes. To enable this, we are recruiting Lead Associates and Associates to deliver on our Golden Thread programmes and services. These development opportunities provide additional funding for your school and act a vehicle for experienced leaders to drive the development of others in order to improve the school system.

Opportunities available include:

- > NPQ Expert Support Associate – one-to-one mentoring via email
- > NPQ Delivery Associate
- > NPQ Lead Associate (for programmes starting in Autumn 2022)
- > ECT Programme Delivery Associate (for both ECTs and Mentors)
- > Appropriate Body

For more information download our [recruitment pack](#) which includes the application form or contact Tim Freeman directly if you would like to discuss any of these roles: [tim.freeman@staracademies.org](mailto:tim.freeman@staracademies.org)

### Recruitment timeline

Role	Closing date	Recruitment session
Appropriate Body Lead associate	Midnight Sunday 27 March	No recruitment session. Recruitment tasks are communicated via email
Appropriate Body associate		
NPQ Expert Support associate		Briefing and task 10-10.45am Thursday 31 March
ECF and NPQ Lead associate	Midnight Monday 25 April	Interview dates TBC
ECF and NPQ associate		9am-1pm Tuesday 10 May 10am-2pm Monday 4 July

One of our Lead associates had this to say about working on the Golden Thread programmes:

***"As a Lead Associate, it is a most exhilarating experience meeting so many people from different contexts and supporting the next generation of teachers who are inspiring hundreds of children. Talking to teachers and leaders and visiting schools is enriching for me, as I always learn something and see wonderful school learning environments. For me it is about giving something back to the profession, making a difference, while at the same time learning from others, further developing my guidance and problem-solving skills."***



## EARLY CAREER FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

Registration for Star's Full Induction Programme for September 2022 ECTs is now open.

### To register for an ECF programme you should:

- > Familiarise yourself with the statutory guidance for schools, including ECF eligibility, [here](#)
  - > The DfE recommends schools use their Teaching School Hub to deliver the Full Induction Programme, benefits include:
    - > A fully funded provider led programme
    - > Additional funding to backfill the time mentors spend on training
- > Register September ECTs or ECTs starting mid-way through the year with Star's Full Induction Programme [here](#)
- > Register ECTs and Mentors on the [DfE online service](#)
  - > Help with the DfE online service can be accessed by emailing: [continuing-professional-development@digital.education.gov.uk](mailto:continuing-professional-development@digital.education.gov.uk)
- > Register with an Appropriate Body service
  - > Registering with an ECF Provider does not mean you are registered with an Appropriate Body service

### Year 2

Year 2 of the Star and Teach First ECF Programme is subject and phase specific. ECTs entering year 2 of the programme in September 2022 need to ensure they have added their subject or phase to [My Teach First](#).

Guidance on how an ECT can add their subject or phase is [here](#).



## APPROPRIATE BODY SERVICE

**ECTs cannot start their Induction until they are registered with an Appropriate Body service.**

Registering with an ECF Provider does not mean you are registered with an Appropriate Body service. From September 2021 only Teaching School Hubs and Local Authorities can provide an Appropriate Body service. More information about the Star Appropriate Body service can be found [here](#).

To register with Star's Appropriate Body service please complete [this](#) registration form.

**ECTs starting their induction in April must be registered by 16 May 2022**

Event	Date	Register
<b>Star Appropriate Body Drop ins for Induction leads</b> <i>An informal drop in where Induction leads may ask the Appropriate Body team any questions about ECTs or the process. You can join at any point throughout for any length of time.</i>	3-4pm Wednesday 23 March	Register <a href="#">here</a>
	3-4pm Tuesday 10 May	Register <a href="#">here</a>
	3-5pm Wednesday 29 June	Register <a href="#">here</a>
<b>Star Appropriate Body drop-ins for ECTs</b> <i>The half-termly drop-in sessions provide you with an opportunity to ask any questions about the Induction processes. You can drop in and out as required.</i>	3.30-4.30pm Tuesday 22 March	Register <a href="#">here</a>



## SUBJECT MASTERCLASSES — Last chance to book!

At Star, we recognise the value of subject specific training. That's why, Star Institute is offering subject masterclasses for secondary leads — taught by real experts in their field.



This is the perfect course for any current or aspiring subject lead who wants to delve into their specialism.

We begin with history, geography and modern foreign languages in March 2022 with plans to expand our range of subjects for the 2022/23 academic year. The sessions are led, respectively, by Christine Counsell, The Geographical Association and Newcastle University.

For each subject, we are offering a series of six sessions from March to November 2022. All sessions run 3.45-5.45pm and are delivered online via Zoom. You can book a place for one leader in each subject for just £250 for all three. To find out more and book your place, [click here](#).



## STAR TEACHERS - SCITT

Star SCITT is recruiting trainees and apprentices for next year and are keen for as many people with great potential to join the profession. If you have people in your networks who are considering teaching, do tell them to get in touch through our [website](#). If as a school, you are interested in being part of the Star SCITT partnership please get in touch directly. We are always looking for schools to host trainees or apprentices. We offer great training for mentors and support through our tutor team, to schools, trainees and potential apprentices.



## LOCAL UPDATES

### Manchester Research School

Manchester Research school are running a session on **Designing effective PD**. One of the most fundamental roles in school improvement is the design and delivery of effective professional development. The Education Endowment Foundation has recently published a guidance report, synthesising current research into effective PD and suggesting three recommendations for school leaders. The Research School will be hosting a training programme over 3 days to support senior leaders in understanding the evidence and designing an effective professional development plan that is appropriate and relevant to individual schools and contexts. The details of the programme can be found [here](#) or by emailing [kimberley.cunningham@mca.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:kimberley.cunningham@mca.manchester.sch.uk).

### STEM Ambassador Hub

The STEM club are offering a range of CPD opportunities. All STEM Club workshop sessions are free and delivered remotely.

Time/Date	Title	Phase	Link
4-6:15pm, Tuesday 5 April	Getting started	Secondary schools, Sixth Form and FE colleges with KS3, KS4 and KS5	Click <a href="#">here</a>
2-3pm, Monday 28 April	Green Skills 2022	Careers to improve your future	Click <a href="#">here</a>

4-6:15pm,  
Tuesday 3 May

Enhancing employability  
skills and careers knowledge

Secondary schools, Sixth Form and FE  
colleges with KS3, KS4 and KS5

Click [here](#)

For more information contact [Elizabeth Calvert](#)

### Greater Manchester Music Hub

The Greater Manchester Music Hub are offering a range of support for schools provided by the local Music services. You can find more information about [here](#).



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