

TEACHING SCHOOL HUB NEWSLETTER

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Star Teaching
School Hub
NW Lancashire

Dear colleagues,

A huge thank you from all of us at the Teaching School Hub for your support, engagement and continued commitment to the development of our teachers and leaders. In the last newsletter of this calendar year you will find a wealth of opportunities that we look forward to working with you on in 2022.

Have a very happy holiday and a well-deserved rest.

Stay safe and well.

Best wishes

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Partnership Director – NW Lancashire TSH



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NEWS

- > **New Instructional Coaching Programme to bring this powerful approach in to your schools – open for recruitment**
- > **Launch of new programme for SENDCos in partnership with Embrace TSH**
- > **Don't miss out on DfE-Funded NPQ programmes starting in February**

Festive wishes

from the team at Star Institute



GOLDEN THREAD HEADLINES

National Professional Qualifications (NPQs)

- > **All NPQs will now be fully funded for all state-funded schools** for our February 2022 cohort, learn more [here](#).
- > The round 1 application deadline is Thursday 16 December but don't worry if you'll miss it, the **round 2 application deadline is Sunday 16 January**.
- > Find out more about our programmes and apply on our website [here](#).

Early Career Framework (ECF) and Appropriate Body

Any school that has **ECTs starting in January** should ensure they are registered for an ECF Programme and with an Appropriate Body service.

- > Details of the three routes a school can take to deliver the ECF Programme can be found [here](#)
- > Information about Star's Appropriate Body service can be found [here](#)

Star are delivering the Teach First ECF Full Induction Programme and are running a January cohort. If you would like to register with Star for the Full Induction Programme and Appropriate Body service, please:

- > Complete the ECF [Star registration form](#)
- > Register your ECTs on the [DfE online service](#)
- > Register your ECTs for our Appropriate Body service using our registration form [here](#) or adding additional ECTs to your [ECT Manager](#) account



INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING SKILLS PROGRAMME

Don't forget to book your place on **Star's six-part Instructional Coaching course**.

Instructional Coaching is a powerful tool for improving teaching. This online course, which starts in January, is designed for a senior leader to work together with a team of middle leaders to develop these skills. It provides models of exemplary instructional coaching, scaffolded opportunities to practice and guidance to implement the approach successfully in school.

Jesse Corburn, who has years of experience working with Uncommon Schools' Senior Leaders, will enable you to embed a culture of continuous improvement via instructional coaching throughout your school.

[In this video](#), Jesse explains what how you and your school can benefit from this course.

For a small team of up to four leaders, this programme costs just £400 for the team. For a large team up to eight, all six sessions are available for £625. To book your place on this programme **before 5 January**, [click here](#).



HIGH QUALITY TEACHING & LEARNING STRATEGIES FOR SEND

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 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 course is fully funded by the Star Teaching School Hub for up to two leaders per School and will be delivered over four half days.

Click [here](#) to register.

Cognition & Learning

- Dyslexia
- Dyscalculia
- Dyspraxia
- Moderate Learning Difficulties

Social, Emotional & Mental Health

- Anxiety & Depression
- AD(H)D
- Conduct Disorders
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

Communication & Interaction

- Autism
- Speech, Language & Communication Needs

Physical and/or Sensory

- Vision Impairments
- Hearing Impairments
- Multi-Sensory Impairments
- Physical Disabilities



WORK WITH US

We are expanding our team to enable us to continue deploying the skills and expertise of local leaders like yourself to coordinate and deliver our programmes. This development opportunity provides additional funding for your school

and acts a vehicle for experienced leaders to drive the development of others in order to improve the school system. There are Associate and Lead Associate opportunities for our ECT Programme, our ECT Mentor Programme, NPQs and our Appropriate Body Service including facilitation, mentoring, cohort leadership and more. **Applications are open until 9am on Monday 17 January and if shortlisted, applicants will be invited to the relevant recruitment event detailed below.**

If you're interested, or know of anyone that may wish to apply for one of the roles to either support a specific cohort or join our central associate team please forward them the link to our [recruitment pack](#) which includes the application form.

Recruitment events	Date
Expert Support (mentoring) Associate, NPQ Programme	9-11am Thursday 20 January
Delivery Associate, NPQ Programme	12-2pm Thursday 20 January
Lead Associate (ECT, NPQ, Appropriate Body Service)	Interviews w/c 24 January
Delivery Associate, ECT Mentor Programme	9-11am Tuesday 25 January
Delivery Associate, ECT Programme	11am-1pm Tuesday 25 January
Associate, Appropriate Body Service	TBC



ITT PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Part of the Teaching School Hub's commitment to the Golden Thread is to support the recruitment of teachers, ensuring not only the teaching capacity of our schools but also that quality of teachers in our classrooms. Such a commitment is not unique to the Teaching School Hub, it is shared with many schools and headteachers who recognise recruitment and training of new teachers to be an effective school improvement strategy. For ITT providers, the opportunity to place trainees in a range of schools ensures recruitment is not limited by a lack of placements. There are huge benefits to a school who supports trainees on placement including,

- > An effective way of identifying potential new teachers and immersing them in the culture and ethos of the school
- > Working with ITT providers in the recruitment to shortage subjects in turn supports a school's workforce development plan
- > Creating additional professional development and opportunities for teachers and leaders to become mentors and specialise in teacher development
- > Having trainees supports the school's externally facing commitments and connects them to a wider network of professional development organisations
- > The high standard and quality of trainees can add value to a school's own approaches to teaching, learning, behaviour and culture
- > Taking trainees is a source of pride for many schools who are recognised for their collaborative approach to the development of new teachers

If you are interested in taking a trainee on placement, the Teaching School Hub is establishing a database of schools who would like to engage with ITT providers. If you would like your school to be involved please email info@starinstitute.org.uk with the secondary subjects or primary Key Stages you would like to offer placements in or if you would like further information please contact tim.freeman@staracademies.org



LOCAL UPDATES

Lancashire Teaching School Hubs Senior Leader Briefing

Embrace Teaching School Hub, North West Lancashire Teaching School Hub and Pennine Lancashire Teaching School hub are collaborating with your local Curriculum Hubs and Research Schools to provide a series of half-termly briefings.

These are intended to share key messages, showcasing the work of the hubs and their offer to schools. Each briefing will have a specific focus and be cross-phase, as well as delivering wider updates on Golden Thread programmes and professional development opportunities.

The briefings are suitable for senior leaders and subject specialists. We look forward to seeing you there.

Focus	Date	Registration link
Computing	9-10am, Tuesday 8 Feb	Click here to register
English	9-10am, Tuesday 29 March	Click here to register
Maths	9-10am, Tuesday 24 May	Click here to register
STEM	9-10am, Tuesday 12 July	Click here to register

STEM Opportunities for Primary and Secondary Schools

STEM learning will be offering a range of CPD sessions in the new year. Please see the opportunities for your school below. For more information, visit their website by clicking [here](#).

Event	Date
STEM in Space Virtual CPD session for KS1 – KS3 Teachers	Wednesday 12 January, 4:15-5:15pm
	Tuesday 22 February, 4:15-5:15pm
Our Lakes, Our Future – Environmental STEM Challenge Launch	Thursday 13 January, 4:15-5:15pm
Teacher THIS is ME – I am a STEM Ambassadors Awareness session	Thursday 20 January, 4:15-4:45pm
	Thursday 3 March, 4:15-4:45pm
STEM Club CPD	Thursday 3 February, 4-6pm
	Tuesday 22 March, 4-6pm
STEM in Space Virtual CPD session for KS1 – KS3 Teachers	Wednesday 9 February, 4-5pm
	Thursday 12 May, 4-5pm
See Inside Industry with Siemens	Thursday 9 February, 4:15-4:45pm
Royal Air Force Virtual STEM Event	Thursday 19 May, 4:15-5:30pm

Advanced Mathematics Support Programme

The Advance mathematics support programme are running a number of events. Click [here](#) for further information. Please ensure you select North West when selecting your region to ensure.

Abacus NW Maths Hub

The autumn term edition of Abacus NW Maths Hub's newsletter is now live. Click [here](#) to check it out. This edition features an update on the Mastering Number Programme, Work Group opportunities still available in 2021/22, and our exciting new Maths Hub video where you can hear from a headteacher about how working with us has positively impacted on her school.

Don't miss out on joining the hub this year – we still have places available on the following Work Groups:

- > Years 5-8 Continuity – starting in the spring term in several locations.
- > Years 7-11 Coherence – starting 11 January.
- > Joined-up approaches for teachers of maths and science (secondary) – starting 19 January.

Email hello@abacusnwmathshub.co.uk or visit their [website](#) to find out more.

North North West Maths Hub

Don't miss out on joining NNW Maths Hub this year – we still have places available on the following Work Groups:

- > Years 5-8 Continuity.
- > Specialist Knowledge for the Teaching of Mathematics – Secondary Non-specialist Teachers.
- > Specialist Knowledge for the Teaching of Mathematics – Secondary Early Career Teachers.

To find out more about these Work Groups, or to discuss how we can support you and your school, email NNWcoordinator@queenkatherine.org or check out their website [here](#).

Lancashire & Cumbria SLP Science Learning Partnership

Lancashire & Cumbria SLP Science Learning Partnership have many opportunities available, please see below:

- > Early careers Secondary Science Conference, click [here](#) for more details.
- > Lancashire and Cumbria Science Learning Partnership Primary Support, click [here](#) for more details.
- > Secondary teacher release funding, click [here](#) for more details.



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