

TEACHING SCHOOL HUB NEWSLETTER



Star Teaching
School Hub
NW Lancashire

February 2022

Dear colleagues,

We hope everyone has had a positive start to the new term. In February's Newsletter you will find a range of professional development opportunities including the launch of our SEND Programme to support high quality teaching and learning. Our local update draws from the range of offers from your Curriculum Hubs and Research School which includes the launch of our HT briefings. Our AB is providing Induction Tutor briefings for new induction tutors and for those who would like an overview of the new Induction Assessment, you will also find details of our drop-in surgery to support any AB queries.

After a very successful Lead Associate and Associate recruitment process we'd like to thank everyone who applied and joined the team. For colleagues interested in supporting our local delivery of your Golden Thread programmes, there are details of how to get involved in the Newsletter including a twilight drop-in session.

Tim Freeman
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- > 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 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 find out more and register.

Cognition & Learning	Social, Emotional & Mental Health	Communication & Interaction	Physical and/or Sensory
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dyslexia• Dyscalculia• Dyspraxia• Moderate Learning Difficulties	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anxiety & Depression• AD(H)D• Conduct Disorders• Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Autism• Speech, Language & Communication Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vision Impairments• Hearing Impairments• Multi-Sensory Impairments• Physical Disabilities



WORK WITH US

If you are interested in working with your Teaching School Hub there are lots of opportunities available to deliver on our Golden Thread programmes and services,

- Specialist NPQs and NPQSL
- ECT Programme
- Appropriate Body

Please contact Tim Freeman directly tim.freeman@staracademies.org and download our [recruitment pack](#) which includes the application form.

Or to find out more come along to our drop-in session which is being held 4-5pm Tuesday 15 February, click [here](#) to register.



EARLY CAREER FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

The Star ECF Programme Inductions have begun for the January cohort. ECTs have covered 'Using praise and consequences effectively' and Mentors, 'Instructional Coaching and Deliberate Practice', part 2 of the Inductions continue over the next few weeks.

Registering for ECF

- > Statutory guidance for schools, including ECF eligibility, is [here](#)
- > Information on the three routes you can take to deliver the ECF Programme is [here](#)
- > Register January ECTs or ECTs starting mid-way through the term with Star's Full Induction Programme [here](#)
- > Register ECTs and Mentors on the [DfE online service](#)
- > Register with an Appropriate Body service

If you are aware of any ECTs due to start in April or mid-way through a term you can register them in advance [here](#). Recruitment for cohort 2, starting in September 2022, will open soon.



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](#).

ECTs starting their induction in January must be registered and added by 16 February 2022

Event	Date	Register
Star Appropriate Body Drop in <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 Tuesday 8 February	Click here
Star Appropriate Body briefing <i>Briefing for Induction leads with new ECTs. We will run through the Induction Lead handbook, key points in the induction, processes to follow and forms to fill in. Induction leads with ECTs part way through their Induction are also welcome to join for a refresher.</i>	8-9am Tuesday 8 February	Click here
	4-5pm Thursday 10 February	Click here



DfE REGISTRATION FOR NPQs – deadline Monday 21 February

DfE registration is now mandatory for anyone enrolling on the new NPQ programmes. **For those starting in February 2022**, the deadline to register is Monday 21 February. The DfE online service will close for maintenance shortly afterwards and **anyone not registered by this time will not be able to continue with the programme or access scholarship funding**. Please encourage any staff starting NPQs in February to complete the registration process by following this link - register-national-professional-qualifications.education.gov.uk/

Applications for NPQ Programmes starting in February 2022 have now closed. Please get in touch via npq@starinstitute.org.uk if you or your staff were intending to apply and have missed the deadline.

The DfE have fixed NPQ programme start points. This means that the next cohort will begin in September 2022, and we will begin taking expressions of interest from April 2022.



SUBJECT MASTERCLASSES — Led by experts

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.



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.

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

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](#).



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Star Appropriate Body briefing	8-9am, Tuesday 8 February	Register here
Star Appropriate Body Drop in	3-4pm, Tuesday 8 February	Register here
Star Appropriate Body briefing	3-4pm, Thursday 10 February	Register here
Recruitment drop-in session	4-5pm, Tuesday 15 February	Register here
DfE Registration for NPQs deadline	Midnight Monday 21 February	Register with the DfE here



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

British Council

Encourage your pupils to practise and celebrate the language they are learning or use in their community and take part in a virtual festival of speaking!

> **How do we join in?**

Ask pupils to prepare a short poem, presentation, sketch, dialogue in the target language

This can be a solo or joint performance but should be no longer than **90 seconds** in total. Pupils need to record themselves delivering their performance, **however** under-16 participants should use either PowerPoint slides/Bitmoji/other pictures or video imagery rather than showing their faces.

> **How to submit?**

You then need to upload the performances from the school or teacher account will then be uploaded to Twitter or Instagram with the hashtags *#CelebrateSpeaking* and the language chosen (e.g. *#French*) between **1st and 25th February 2021**. Remember to use the hashtag or we won't be able to find your performance!

Find more information [here](#)

Abacus NW Maths Hub

The Maths Hubs Network and the NCETM are continuing to provide subject-specific professional development and support for all primary and secondary teachers of maths in 2022.

There are still spaces available on a range of Maths Hubs projects, including Years 5-8 Continuity, which focuses on the transition between primary and secondary maths, and a variety of Specialist Knowledge for Teaching Mathematics programmes, designed to support teachers at all stages of their career.

Many Maths Hubs are also running Work Groups focusing on issues and topics specifically identified as relevant to their local area.

- > Joined-up approaches for teachers of maths and science (secondary)
- > Teaching for mastery in the contexts of special school and alternative provision.

Find out more [here](#).

North North West Maths Hub

Many Maths Hubs are also running Work Groups focusing on issues and topics specifically identified as relevant to their local area.

- > Primary Mixed Age - How does teacher analysis of textbook or resource schemes help to develop knowledge for teaching maths that can underpin the planning and teaching of mixed-age classes?
- > SKTM for Secondary Early Career Teachers: [SKTM for Secondary ECT](#).

In the last term of 2021, the DfE published new [guidance for teaching maths at KS3](#). It was written by the Secondary Team at the NCETM, and additional resources to augment the guidance, including a two-minute explainer video and a podcast, are now available.

Find out more [here](#).

NW1 Maths Hub

The NW1 Maths Hub is offering a Problem Solving Workgroup for Key Stages 3 and 4. The group is intended to address the developmental needs of maths teachers in secondary schools while offering the opportunity to develop leadership skills. It also provides support for existing practitioners making decisions about the mathematics curriculum and how best to support pupil's development under a cognitive load theory, existing discourse and the need to recover curriculum time lost under these unprecedented circumstances (Covid-19).

For more information, click [here](#).

St John Vianney English Hub

The English Hub are offering free webinar to explore the DfE's Reading Framework, the non-statutory guidance released in July 2021. This virtual event will be held over Microsoft Teams and a link will be sent out closer to the time once registration closes.

Please use the link [here](#) to access their Eventbrite page. The dates of the webinars are 1 February 2022 or the 8 March 2022 at 3.45pm-4.45pm. Please note both of these dates will deliver the same content.

For more information, find the latest newsletter [here](#).

Blackpool Research School

Blackpool Research School are running a SLT researching briefing on Wednesday 2 March, 8:00-8:30am. In this breakfast briefing we will signpost the latest publications, resources and tools from the Research School Network and Education Endowment Foundation (EEF). Hosted on Zoom, it is open to senior and middle leaders from across the region and aims to support evidence-informed practice and school decision making.

Click [here](#) to register.

STEM Learning Ltd

STEM Learning Ltd and the Science Learning Partnership Networks have a number of CPD offers for Primary, Secondary and Post-16 which you can find more information about [here](#).

Lancashire Computing Hub

The Lancashire computing hub have recently released a newsletter with news of new pathways for primary, details of the Computing Science Accelerator, and a full list of our new courses which you can find more information about [here](#).



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