

TEACHING SCHOOL HUB NEWSLETTER

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Star Teaching
School Hub
Bolton, Bury, Rochdale

Dear colleagues,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful break and a great start to the new term. Through what I'm sure will be a busy time ahead, the Teaching School Hub is here to support you. In this newsletter you will find details of the National Institute of Teaching's first cohort of NPQs which begin in February. **It's not too late to register for these programmes which are currently fully funded by the DfE.** If you have taken on an Early Career Teacher this term you will need to register them with the DfE, an ECF training provider and an Appropriate Body, details of how to complete this process can be found below. Finally, as you are probably aware, the provision of Appropriate Body services will change from September 2023. The latest DfE guidance on the new arrangements are also contained herein.

If you have any questions or queries regarding any of these items or any other aspect of the work of your Teaching School Hub, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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NEWS

- > **Deadline extension to apply for National Professional Qualifications commencing February 2023**
- > **Registration for January ECTs is now Open**
- > **DfE Announcement: Teaching School Hubs become main provider of Appropriate Body Services**



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TEACHING NPQs

DEADLINE EXTENSION: APPLY BY TUESDAY 31 JANUARY

As a founding partner of the new National Institute of Teaching (NfE), we are delighted to be able to offer their full suite of NPQ programmes from February 2023. Watch the video below to hear from current participants about their experience of the recently reformed NPQs.

You can find information on the programmes via the [National Institute of Teaching website](#) and to secure your place on the inaugural cohort, [apply now](#).

The DfE has confirmed that funding for all NPQs is available this year. In addition, from autumn 2022, state-funded schools with fewer than 600 pupils will be paid £200 for each teacher or leader they employ who undertakes an NPQ. More information can be found [here](#).



<https://youtu.be/XbtyIS8nMwg>

For more information, or to ask any questions about any of our NPQ programmes, please contact npq@niot.org.uk

It was inspiring to hear from aspiring and existing Executive Leaders about their motivations for undertaking the NPQEL programme which launched in November:

To develop and scale up my own leadership skills in a changing educational world to improve learning for my children and others.

To support me to further develop my leadership skills so that I can effectively lead two schools by empowering others to flourish in their role. It is important that we all keep learning and developing.



EARLY CAREER FRAMEWORK

This month, ECTs starting their Induction on the Star ECF programme will attend their ECF Induction. All schools with Early Career Teachers (ECTs) who start in January 2023 should ensure they are registered for their Statutory Induction to ensure their programme can begin. If this is something you are yet to do, below outlines the **three steps** you need to take to ensure your new ECTs are registered for their Induction.

There are three places to register ECTs for their induction:

- > [The DfE online service](#)
- > [With an ECF programme provider](#)
 - o Star deliver the Teach First ECF Programme
- > [With an Appropriate Body service](#)

[This document](#) outlines the three steps above (and includes all relevant links), you need to take to ensure your new ECTs are registered for their Induction.



APPROPRIATE BODY

Changes to Appropriate Body provision from September 23

The latest information released by the DfE on changes to AB from September 23 can be found via the link below, including a useful FAQ section on transition of the service from local authorities to teaching school hubs. We are working collaboratively with all local authorities to ensure ECTs are not unduly affected by the transition process.

Appropriate Body Reforms DfE briefing pack for Schools

Important reminder about registering your ECT

An ECT cannot start their Induction until registered with an Appropriate Body. Registering for an ECF Programme does not mean they are registered with an Appropriate Body, schools must ensure ECTs are registered for both an ECF Programme and an Appropriate Body. At the end of the ECT's induction assessment, it is the Appropriate Body that makes the final decision as to whether the ECT has successfully met the Teachers' Standards on the recommendation of their Headteacher/Principal.

Star Appropriate Body Registration form

DEADLINE

Appropriate Bodies must inform the DfE which ECTs started their Induction in January 2023. Any ECT not registered with an AB before **Friday 17 February 2023** may be unable to count their first term towards their Induction.

Register for Star Appropriate Body [here](#) or if you are already registered with an Appropriate Body Service please contact them to register your new ECT(s). Those using Star AB can add a new ECT on [ECT Manager](#).

For advice and guidance please contact ecf@starinstitute.org.uk



NATIONAL AND LOCAL UPDATES

National Association of Teachers of Religious Education (NATRE)

The National Association of Teachers of Religious Education (NATRE) invites you to join us and over 250 RE teachers at Strictly RE – our annual national conference. Your ticket includes a choice of over 34 live seminars throughout January and over the main event weekend at the end of the month, 3 key note sessions and most importantly full access to recordings of all sessions for 12 months. Many attendees use these recordings as whole staff or department CPD throughout the year to maximise their budgets, and to catch up on sessions they didn't attend live. The conference is of high value to ITE students and ECTs as they start their careers, offering a high volume of subject specific training and the opportunity to network with RE professionals outside of their existing contacts at all stages of their career. You can find full information about timings, seminars and ticket price on the [website](#). If you would like to book places for 3 or more staff/trainees please contact, Chris Hooper, chris@retoday.org.uk.



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