

TEACHING SCHOOL HUB BULLETIN

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Star Teaching
School Hub
NW Lancashire

Hello colleagues,

A short update from your local Teaching School Hub at the start of a new half term.

There are still some schools who took on ECTs in January that need to register for induction assessment, you can find out how to do this in the AB section. The final recruitment round for DfE funded NPQ places is about to close and so to take advantage of this opportunity please follow the link in the NPQ update.

As part of our continued commitment to teacher wellbeing, the Teaching School Hub has funded support for those going on or returning from maternity/paternity leave. Please see the Maternity Teacher Paternity Teacher Project update and share with staff as appropriate.

Finally, as part of wishing you a pleasant half term, I'd like to share a poem by Guillaume Apollinaire, which has stuck with me long after the facilitator left us with it at the end of an excellent NlOT training session.

"Come to the edge," he said.
"We can't, we're afraid!" they responded.
"Come to the edge," he said.
"We can't, We will fall!" they responded.
"Come to the edge," he said.
And so they came.
And he pushed them.
And they flew!

If you have any quotes or poems that inspire you in leading and teaching please send them in so we may share them in our newsletters and bulletins. Please send to tim.freeman@staracademies.org.

Best wishes,

Tim

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KEY UPDATES



- > [Appropriate Body – Register ECTs starting in January](#)
- > [NPQ – Last call for applications and take a closer look at NPQLTD](#)
- > [ITT – DfE Recommendation 10](#)
- > [The MaternityTeacher PaternityTeacher Project](#)



APPROPRIATE BODY

Register your ECTs

Early Career Teachers (ECT) who started their induction in January 2024 **must be registered with an Appropriate Body by Wednesday 21 February 2024** in order for the current term to count towards their induction.

New to Star AB? Complete our [Expression of Interest Form](#) to register.

Already registered with Star AB? Register any new ECTs on [ECT Manager](#).

Please also remember to register ECTs on the DfE's [Manage training for early career teachers](#) service and with a provider for the Early Career Framework (ECF) programme:

- To register any new ECTs or ECTs who have already completed one term of their induction, the local Lead Provider is the National Institute of Teaching (NioT). Register with the NioT [here](#).
- To register any ECTs who have completed two or more terms of induction, click [here](#) to register on the Teach First programme with Star.

If you require any help or support with registrations please contact:

- Star Appropriate Body – abqueries@starinstitute.org.uk
- NioT ECF Team – ECF_NW@niot.org.uk
- Star & Teach First ECF Team – ecf@starinstitute.org.uk



NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Register now for NPQs

Last call for fully funded applications for NPQs. Click [here](#) to register with the NioT.

Take a closer look at NPQLTD

Professional development is the most effective aspect of school leadership in our control to impact the lives and outcomes of young people. Those who lead teacher professional development have the potential to have the maximum impact on the children in their setting.

If you enjoy delivering training to your colleagues as much as you enjoy teaching pupils, you may want to consider leading teacher development for the next step in your career. Find out more [here](#).

Our NPQ in Leading Teacher Development is designed for aspiring or current leaders of professional development, including training and mentoring of trainees or Early Career Teachers.



INITIAL TEACHER EDUCATION

DfE ITT Engagement Survey

The DfE are aiming to build a picture on situations where there is a surplus of trainees in a specific location, and similarly where there is a surplus of school placements available but not enough trainees, to ensure all schools have access to high quality and well-trained teachers.

Thank you to all those who have responded to the survey so far. If you have not already done so **you can respond by completing a short survey** [here](#).



THE MATERNITY TEACHER PATERNITY TEACHER PROJECT

The MTPT Teacher Project is a fantastic charity for parent-teachers, offering lots of support including networking, coaching and professional development during parental leave, and return to work workshops. For further information visit their website [here](#).

Return to Work workshops

Fully-funded for state school teachers in Lancashire

Tickets are available [here](#) and you can choose a "Funded Region" ticket.

Parental Leave group coaching programmes

Fully-funded for state school teachers in Lancashire

Tickets are available [here](#) and you can choose a "Funded Region" ticket.

The Mother of All Pay Gaps... and what we can do about it

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