

ECTP Mentor Training Programme 2026-27

ECTP stands for **Early Career Training Programme** – this is the name of the revised programme from September 2025.

This is for **new mentors** who will be **starting to mentor in September 2026** and who **have not previously completed** the ECF mentor training programme.

The mentor training programme is a one-year programme and includes the following elements:

Activity	Description	When	Time allocation	Additional information
Fundamentals of mentoring	Online workbook. Mentors work through activities at their own pace	At the start of the programme	2 hours	Mentors who have completed the 20 hours of certificated ITT mentor training with UCL since Sept 2024 are exempt from this.
Welcome Conference	Face to face training event to introduce the programme, UCL's approach to mentoring and TSH Berkshire delivery model and expectations.	September	3 hours	Mentors will have a choice of dates and venues
Independent study units	Video and reflection activities to support mentors in building their knowledge of the ITTECF and UCL's programme	Half termly	30 mins per half term (6 hours per year)	
Mentor meeting preparation	Allocated time to prepare for mentor meetings	Weekly	1 hour per half term (6 hours per year)	
Local Learning Communities	F2f training events to develop mentoring skills and provide an opportunity to share practice and collaborate with other mentors.	Autumn and Spring/Summer terms	2 sessions each lasting 2 hours (4 hours per year)	Mentors will have a choice of dates and venues.
Total training hours			18 hours per year	

For 2026-27, we will be **combining some of these elements**, to streamline the programme for mentors:

- Welcome conference, first local learning community and module 1/10 independent study will be combined into a whole day f2f session in September.
- At the second local learning community in the spring/summer term mentors will have time to complete their independent study for that term.

All training sessions will be f2f.

ECTP Mentor training sessions schedule 2026-27

Sign up for all sessions via the link [here](#).

	Date and time	Mentors with an ECT in year 1 of the programme	Mentors with an ECT in year 2 of the programme
Autumn term	16.09.26 9.00-3.30pm St Bartholomew's School RG14 6JP OR 24.09.26 9.00 -3.30 Windsor Racecourse SL4 5EZ	Welcome Conference Local Learning Community 1 "Leading Early Career Teacher Development" Module 1 independent study	Welcome Conference Local Learning Community 2 "Leading Practitioner Inquiry" Module 10 independent study
Spring term	26.01.27 2.00-5.00pm Windsor Racecourse SL4 5EZ OR 28.01.27 2.00-5.00pm St Bartholomew's School RG14 6JP	No training sessions in the spring term	Local Learning Community 1 "Leading Early Career Teacher Development" Time to complete independent study
Summer term	18.05.27 2.00-5.00pm Shaw House Newbury RG14 2DR OR 19.05.27 2.00-5.00pm Windsor Racecourse SL4 5EZ OR 20.05.27 2.00-5.00pm Sindlesham Court, Wokingham RG41 5EA	Local Learning Community 2 "Leading Practitioner Inquiry" Time to complete independent study	No training sessions in the summer term

Variations for mentors who started at different points in the year

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January 2026 mentors

These mentors should attend the afternoon session on one of the September days to complete their second local learning community session. They will have no further mentor training sessions but will need to complete any remaining independent study modules by the end of the autumn term in December 2026.

April 2026 mentors

See below for an amended schedule for mentors who started mentoring in April 2026. Their training programme will end in April 2027.

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