

TSH Berkshire Newsletter Spring 2023



As the mornings and evenings start getting lighter, it feels like Spring is finally on the way. The ECF and NPQ programmes continue and we are starting to plan ahead for next year already.

If there is anything that we can help you with, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Initial Teacher Training

We are continuing to have discussions with our ITT partner organisations to prepare for September 2024 when the new ITT programmes start.

If you are involved in delivering ITT you may find this [overview](#) of the reforms on the DfE website useful. The DfE have also published "[Guidance on Forming Partnerships](#)".

Many of our schools work with [University of Reading](#) hosting PGCE and School Direct placements, and there are also schools working in partnership with [Oxford Brookes University](#).

Reading university are offering a range of short, online courses via FutureLearn. For more information see [here](#).

School Direct Programmes

For more information about the RBWM SCITT see their website [here](#).

Several of our partner schools also offer school direct programmes. These include:

- [Teach Slough](#) based at Upton Court Grammar School.
- [Forest Learning Alliance](#) based at Uplands Primary School, Bracknell Forest.
- [Maiden Erlegh Institute](#)
- [The Downland Alliance](#), based at The Downs school, West Berkshire.
- [The Two Counties Teacher Training Partnership](#), based at The Willink School, West Berkshire.

Colleagues interested in training as a teacher can also search for programmes via the DfE website [here](#).

Early Career Framework

We have had some very positive feedback from ECTs and mentors in the end of module evaluations:



“This programme is very systematic and well structured.” (ECT, year 1)

“It has been clear and has taken account of the stage we are in our career journey. The face to face session was also really useful.” (ECT y2)

“There is good flexibility with regards to completing tasks. I appreciate how there is emphasis on the opportunity to discuss what is relevant to the mentee each week.” (Mentor, year 1)

“I believe that the practitioner enquiries have been the most useful part of this module and it has allowed me to tailor my research into areas that are relevant to my teaching and my school as a whole.” (ECT y2)

“The focus on protecting ECT workload has been good; they have been able to carry out their research with minimal impact on workload and therefore wellbeing.” (Mentor, y2)

There is a **“TSH Berkshire Guide to the ECF for schools”** on our website [here](#). This is aimed at anyone in school involved in the ECF programme (induction tutors, mentors, ECTs).

There is also a range of additional CPD available to ECTs. This includes subject specific CPD, sessions on SEND, and sessions aimed specifically at Early Years Practitioners. See our website [here](#) for more details.

Induction Tutor Drop In – March 27th 4.00-5.00pm

This half term’s informal induction tutor drop in session will be on **27th March**. There will be no presentation or recording of the session, it is an opportunity for induction tutors to ask questions, raise issues, or just to share experiences. There is no need to register in advance – just join the meeting via this link:

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88110186926?pwd=THZkRFRoTFZodFB0S1BjNUgyd24zUT09>
- Meeting ID: 881 1018 6926
- Passcode: 211839

National Professional Qualifications (NPQs)

Our first cohort of specialist NPQ programmes recently got the results of their summative assessment, and we were delighted that **96% of participants were successful**. The first cohort of leadership programmes will have their summative assessment in early May.

The second cohort of specialist participants submitted their final assessment last month and we are waiting for the results – well done to all who completed the programme.

Some of the WWW feedback from our second cohort:

“Articles provided have been really good. Really enjoyed the course.”

“The in person sessions were really useful.”

“Peer Learning Groups were great! Loved sharing ideas and meeting others.”

“Helped & ensured I focus on my leadership development. The course itself has been manageable with my workload. The facilitators have been approachable and always willing to help.”



Recruitment continues to be strong, and we are delighted to have been able to run all the programmes in both the Autumn and Spring cohorts, with just under **300 participants** across the hub area enrolled on programmes. We are especially pleased that the new programmes, Leading Literacy and Early Years Leadership, both have viable groups.

If you would like to know more about our programmes, please contact our NPQ Regional leads, Jenny Evans and Nicolle Browning via email at tshberkshire@willink.w-berks.sch.uk.

TSH Berkshire Facilitator Conference

We will be hosting a conference in the summer term for our **facilitators on our ECF and NPQ programmes**. This is a whole day, face to face event, on **June 16th** and we are delighted that Wellington College have agreed to host us again. We have guest speakers **Annette Beard** (UCL programme lead) and **Hannah Wilson** (Diverse Educators) and there will also be an opportunity to network and share ideas with other facilitators. To sign up for event please complete the short form [here](#).

World Education Summit

UCL are offering **free places on this year's World Education Summit** (20th-23rd March, with 365 days access to resources). If you have worked with us on the ECF or NPQ (including as a mentor, facilitator or participant) then you are eligible. Register for your free place via this [link](#).

Curriculum Hubs

Oxfordshire and Reading Science Learning Partnership

Oxfordshire and Reading ECT CPD meeting

Date: Friday 17th March 2023 9.30am-3.30pm

Venue: Hosted by Bayer Public Limited, Reading

[Booking link](#)

Oxfordshire and Reading Technician Conference

Date: Monday 27th March 2023 9.30am-3.30pm

Venue: Abingdon School

A full day of practical ideas and activities including keynote and workshop sessions throughout the day for biology, chemistry and physics.

[Booking link](#).

Bucks, Berks and Oxon Computing Hub

For details about Spring computing courses for primary teachers see [here](#).

For details about Spring computing courses for secondary teachers see [here](#).

St Clement Danes Science Hub

For details of Spring term secondary science courses see [here](#).

For details of Spring term primary science courses see [here](#).

For more general information about the St Clement Danes hubs, including other CPD offers, contact details, and bursary details, see [here](#).

Advanced Maths Support Programme

Edgbarrow Teacher Network (Face to Face) - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion within our Maths classrooms - 27th April 4:15 - 5:45pm @Edgbarrow School, Crowthorne

The session will look at the cultural richness of Mathematics and how we use this to gain a deeper appreciation of the ethnical richness of the subject.

For more information and to book use this link <https://amsp.org.uk/event/10742/>

The Problem with Problem Solving Twilight PD @Cobham Free School, Cobham, Tues 2nd May 4:15 - 5:45

This will be a collaborative session where colleagues can share ideas and strategies for teaching problem solving. Please bring a resource or idea with you to share.

To book a place use the following link <https://amsp.org.uk/event/10375/>

BBO Maths Hub

For details of upcoming courses and other professional development opportunities see [here](#).

For the latest newsletter see [here](#).

Mobius Maths Hub

PRIMARY & SECONDARY DROP-IN SESSIONS

Each year, we run a number of online workshops for local teachers and schools. The sessions are suitable for those who have already been involved in hub projects, but also for teachers who would like to understand a bit more about Teaching for Mastery techniques. To find out more please [click here](#)

Do you know about the Mastering Number Programme?

- Develops number sense in pupils in KS1
- Over 5,000 schools have already taken part in the programme
- Participating schools have reported pupils increasing their fluency and confidence in number sense

Schools can apply now to join the Mastering Number Programme 2023/24. **Free to join plus schools will receive a set of rekenreks.** The deadline to apply is 5pm on Friday 31 March > > > [Apply Now!](#)

WE ARE RECRUITING! MATHS HUB LEAD Full Time / Part Time Position

The Maths Hub Lead role is suitable for those with leadership experience or on a journey to develop their system leadership. This is a part-time post but can be combined with teaching of secondary maths to make it a full-time position. Applications are welcome from both primary and secondary practitioners and a job share would be considered. > > > [Apply Now!](#)

Whole School SEND

For the latest newsletter from WSS see this link:

[WSS Regional Newsletter March 2023](#)

Other CPD

As well as DfE funded hubs and programmes, we also work with other trusted providers of CPD and teacher support.

Maternity Teacher Paternity Teacher Project (MTPT)

At 18%, education has one of the worst pay gaps of any industry, and motherhood has a lot to do with it! Join The MTPT Project and WomenEd for their annual **“The Mother of All Pay Gaps... and what we can do about it”** conference not just to understand the problem, but to know what you as a teacher or leader can do to tackle the motherhood penalty in education.

Thanks to generous sponsorship from Harris Federation, Ambition Institute, Culham St Gabriel's Trust and The Chartered College of Teaching, this virtual event is completely **free** to attend. Get your ticket [here](#). The conference is **online, free to attend**, and is on **March 18th, 9.00am-4.00pm**.

Wellington College

On 21st March Wellington College are hosting a conference “Uncharted Maths”. This will give maths teachers an opportunity to explore how their subject is being deployed in the wider world and includes a range of speakers who are using mathematical knowledge within their industry. To book see the WCLA website [here](#).