

COLLABORATION WORKS

A warm welcome to the summer term edition of 'Collaboration Works'!

Welcome back to the new school year, I hope you had a lovely summer and have come back to school well rested. A huge amount has happened since our last newsletter which we'd like to share with you in this edition of 'Collaboration Works'.

As the summer term drew to a close we welcomed Lymm High School and Olive Tree Primary as new partners. We also became Steering Group members with Ambition School Leadership and are excited to be offering their refreshed Leadership programmes NPQML and NPQSL during this academic year.

In the next few weeks we begin our Mental Health First Aid training across all Warrington primary schools. This follows the highly successful secondary school project last year with Warrington CCG and Culcheth High School on the 'Future in Mind' project. This was recognised by the Guardian Innovation Awards.

In terms of new partnerships, we have strong relationships with the United Learning Multi Academy Trust who are accessing our Youth Mental Health First Aid programme for their schools on a national basis. We are also delivering MHFA to all Wirral schools through a new partnership with Edsential who are a community interest company owned by Cheshire West and Chester Council and Wirral Council to provide services to the Education sector.

In May, I was nominated and accepted to represent secondary school leaders on the new Greater Manchester Health and Wellbeing Board which brings together health, social care and education with the objectives of improving

outcomes for children and young people across the whole of GM at an increased pace. The Board is chaired by Jon Rouse, the Chief Officer for Health and Social Care Partnership. We are looking forward to hosting the next board meetings at our special school Melland High School in Sept and here at AGGS in December.

We are providing support and guidance to a number of newly designated teaching schools and are delighted we are clearly seen as 'experts' as an established and effective teaching school. In addition to this we continue our school to school support work and have been delighted to see lots of our schools improve recently.

We're really pleased that we have started the year supporting many of our schools with their start of year INSET days and enjoyed delivering Coaching at Beamont Collegiate Academy and supporting the Dunham Trust with their wellbeing INSET day.

Congratulations on some fantastic results for our children and young people this year. If we continue to work together no doubt 2017/18 will be just as successful!

Best wishes,

Lisa Fathers

Head of Teaching School/
BFET Co-Principal



Initial Teacher Training/SCITT



Alliance for
Learning SCITT

Train Teach Transform

A fond farewell and a welcome on board!

We finished a very successful second year of the SCITT with a Celebration Event on 7th July. Addressing the trainees, SCITT Director, Kal Hodgson, congratulated them on the resolve, hard work and determination that has seen all trainees complete with the achievement of Qualified Teacher Status with Post Graduate Certificate in Education.



We are pleased to say that 96% of QTS trainees gained employment across many of our alliance schools and beyond, including 2 who secured positions at Rushbrook Primary Academy, who are one of our Trust schools. All 9 of our Early Years ITT trainee are expected to complete the course with 8 of the 9 gaining employment for 2017.

Feedback from mentors and trainees has been overwhelmingly positive and the SCITT is proud of its achievements yet continues to development and innovate training, incorporating Mental Health First Aid and trainee wellbeing for 2017.

The class of 2016/17 will be greatly missed, however, as one door closes...another opens and we welcome on board our new trainees for 2017/2018! Our new cohort all got together on 31st August for a meet and greet and induction to the SCITT programme. We are excited to be working with a number of new schools who have joined the partnership and are hosting trainee placements this academic year!

Ofsted Inspection

In June the SCITT completed stage one of an Ofsted inspection which was a very positive and supportive

experience. The strengths of the SCITT were clearly highlighted by the feedback and the emerging areas for development were in line with the expectation of the SCITT partnership board. The SCITT partnership felt challenged but supported by the inspection process and look forward to stage two and a final judgment in the winter term.

Internship Programme

Our internship programme saw 8 2nd year undergraduates working in alliance schools for a four-week period with the aim to support their transition into teacher training and the completion of the first year of the Future Teaching Scholars programme. Our 8 undergraduate scholars have each gained 6 days of school experience and completed written modules in the first stage of their journey to becoming teachers of maths and physics.

NQT Conference

Our annual NQT conference took place on 14 June here at Altrincham Grammar School for Girls. There was a real buzz about the place as the NQTs spent the day sharing experiences of their



teaching journey so far and listening to thought-provoking presentations from a variety of esteemed presenters on hot topics as diverse as 'Advanced Mental Health with Early Trauma' and 'How to make sure you can demonstrate student progress in lessons' through to 'Creative Technologies: How to make creative use of new technologies in the classroom' and 'The Science of Teaching'.

It was a pleasure to see such a strong cohort of early career teachers committed to fostering their own professional development and the welfare of their students.

NQT Appropriate Body

The Alliance for Learning are accredited as an Appropriate Body for the registration of NQTs so we can continue to support staff during the early part of their teaching careers and beyond. For more information please email Hilary Langmead-Jones on HLangmead-Jones@aggs.bfet.uk

Professional Development



We are pleased to share that delegate numbers on our CPD courses have grown significantly over the last 12 months from 959 delegates to a staggering 2945! We feel that this is definitely down to our increased offer of courses, much improved marketing and our more flexible bespoke offer to deliver training on site in individual schools.

We have been working hard to identify training needs in our local schools and have based our CPD programme for 2017/2018 on those needs. We have also launched a new one day training course called 'Developing Whole School Resilience & Mental Health Toolkit' and

in response to the changes in Sex and Relationships Education we have a new course 'Learning for Life - SRE'. In response to need we are also offering Child Psychology and Supervision to add to our health and wellbeing portfolio.

Please do take a look at what courses we have coming up over this academic year....and remember we also offer many of these courses as bespoke/tailored options that can be delivered on site in your schools.

CPD opportunities for 2017/2018

For all course bookings please either click the link on the course title or contact dpullen@aggs.bfet.uk

Teaching and Learning

Opportunity	Date	Cost
Challenge Partners Review (only open to Challenge Partner members)	Dates for 2017/2018 are yet to be confirmed	FREE
Improving Outcomes for Boys in EYFS	16 October 2017	£70
ITP	Starting 10 January 2018	£575
Letters and Sounds and the New National Curriculum	28 September 2017	£70
OTP	Starting 10 October 2017 or 27 February 2018	£615
SLE Core Training	1 February 2018	£160

Leadership Development

Opportunity	Date	Cost
Foundation Coaching	Starting 18 October 2017	£550
Coaching in Context	Starting 1 March 2018	£625
Higher Level Coaching	Starting 21 June 2018	£675
Leadership Residencies	Starting 19 April 2018	See website
NPQML	Starting 1 November 2017	£1200
NPQSL	Starting 21 November 2017	£1300

Mindfulness & Wellbeing

Opportunity	Date	Cost
Youth Mental Health First Aid	5/6 Oct 2017, 18/19 Jan 2018, or 8/9 March 2018	£300
Adult Mental Health First Aid	22/23 Nov 2017, 6/7 Dec 2017 or 25/26 April 2018	£300
Advanced Mental Health with Early Trauma	Starting 14 July 2017 or 2 February 2018	£190
Whole School Approaches to Resilience & Mental Health Toolkit	14 December 2017	£165
Youth MHFA Lite	Please contact us for more information on dates	£75
Mindfulness Taster	3 October 2017	FREE
Mindfulness .b Foundations	Starting 8 May 2018	£180
Mindfulness for Teachers	Starting 27 Nov 2017 2017 or 19 July 2018	£190
Mindfulness Skills for Life	Starting 31 October 2017	£250
Mindfulness Leadership	Starting 20 April 2018 or 6 July 2018	£300
Mindfulness Pupil .b	Please contact us for more information on dates	£1100 up to 30
Learning for Life—SRE	11 October 2017	£75
Supervision	£110 for 90mins/4staff or £70 ph individual	
Child Psychology	£520 per day if pre booked or £550 per day adhoc	

School to School Support/ Specialist Leaders of Education

We are delighted that a number of our alliance schools celebrated Ofsted success last year. We have worked at many different levels, in many different ways with these schools collaboratively.

- Trafford High PRU was graded 'Good' and we have a fantastic partnership with the staff there.
- Our Lady's RC High School in Blackley has moved from 'Requiring Improvement' to 'Good' in their Ofsted inspection in January 2017.
- St Philips High School were judged as 'Good' in February 2017 and the SLE support is mentioned in the actual report "Improvements have been accelerated through the external support".
- South Shore Academy have moved from 'Special Measures' to 'Requiring Improvement' in their March 2017 Ofsted inspection. "The school has been supported effectively by subject leaders from another secondary school within the trust. Their work has contributed to the sustained improvements in English and mathematics".
- Wellacre Academy have moved from 'Requiring Improvement' to 'Good' in May 2017. "Leaders and governors are outward-looking and actively seek specialist support and challenge. They have developed a productive partnership with the Alliance for Learning".

- Culcheth High School continued to be judged as 'Good' in their May 2017 Ofsted inspection.
- Cedar Mount Academy have moved out of special measures and inadequate status and is now categorised as 'Requiring Improvement'. The Alliance for Learning has been working closely with CMA providing bespoke CPD and SLE support.

SLE Recruitment

Back in June we opened up our SLE applications to further strengthen our SLE team in Maths, English, MFL and EAL. We have received a number of applications and we will be holding interviews on 19th September. Good luck to all that applied!

Subject Networking Meetings

Our Subject Network Meetings have been increasingly well-attended and have provided colleagues with valuable opportunities to collaborate, particularly around the planning, resourcing and assessing of the new GCSEs.

Dates for our Network Meetings are yet to be set, but we will let you know as soon as they are available!



Other News



**CHANGING LIVES ACROSS
GREATER MANCHESTER**

Greater Manchester Learning Partnership

The **Greater Manchester Learning Partnership** was born of the legacy of the Greater Manchester Challenge and a desire to bring all parts of the education sector across Greater Manchester together. The GMLP is made up of representatives of each of the key groups charged with school improvement across Greater Manchester. There is an independent chair to ensure impartial and fair distribution of roles and that all views are well represented. They are: LA representatives, diocesan representatives, NLG, Teaching School representatives, RSC and Teaching School Council.

The **GMLP** meets every term and dedicates a full day to facilitate a range of different sub group meetings to ensure all parts of the educator sector can contribute. The begins with a full strategic group meeting followed by a range sub-groups. These include an workforce group and school improvement group.

The **GMLP** has a single purpose—to improve the life chances of all the learners of Greater Manchester. It brings together the whole system in a single place. All members subscribe to the notion of working together, in open and honest collaboration to share capacity, shape the future of Greater Manchester and ensure those charged with delivering education are supported. As a Teaching School, the Alliance for Learning acknowledges its responsibility to participate and actively engages with The GMLP. Further details on the remit of The GMLP are available here <http://www.gmlp.org.uk/>

It is recognised that information about the work of The **GMLP** is still not reaching many of the key stakeholders. At the summer term meeting, it was agreed that briefing sessions would be held for Headteacher representatives in each of the 10 LA areas will be held in the autumn 2017, details will be shared when confirmed.

Greater Manchester Health and Wellbeing Board

The Greater Manchester Children's Health and Wellbeing Board will provide oversight for the delivery of improvements to children's health and health care in Greater Manchester, whilst strengthening links with

the Local Authority service improvements and the work of other partner organisations. It brings together providers and commissioners of children's health care services, and other stakeholders to reflect the work of the entire system.

The role of this board will seek to co-ordinate children's health transformation activities in Greater Manchester, facilitating joint working whilst avoiding duplication. It will set the strategic direction to improve health outcomes, including the development of an overarching health strategy and high level delivery plan. It will draw on work from a variety of programmes and all sectors in seeking to secure a 'whole child approach'.

Some of the Board's key objectives are:

- Oversee improvements within children's health services within GM and links to education and early years programmes
- Improving health & wellbeing outcomes of C&YP with particular needs such as; long term and life limiting conditions, mental health difficulties, disabilities, young carers
- Ensure C&YP and parents/carers are involved in service planning at a strategic level with GM

The membership of the Greater Manchester Children's Health and Wellbeing Board reflects the full breadth of the Greater Manchester children's health and wellbeing system, which is made up of a large number of organisations and bodies. Members of the Board include representatives from Primary, Secondary, Special, further and higher education, Local Authority and school Governors; as well as representatives from a wider health and wellbeing front such as the GM Health and Social Care Partnership, clinical commissioners, public health commissioning, school nurses and those coming in day to day contact with members of the public such as GP's and Medical Consultants.

Lisa Fathers, Head of Teaching School / BFET Co-Principal represents secondary school leaders on this Board and is disseminating information through GMLP referenced above and also through the GM Headteacher Alliance for PE, Sport and Health.

MATHS HUB



2016/2017 was an eventful year for NW1 Maths Hub, providing us with a number of lasting memories, from the Shanghai Teacher Exchange Programme and a number of training courses with renowned Professor Ban Har Yeap, through to their Maths and MFL Roadshow on 29th June which saw a number of local schools coming together to access a morning of challenging mathematical activities presented in French, German and Spanish.

NW1 also supported several maths conferences, which included the Manchester Schools Alliance transition conference, the first British Lesson Study conference and of course the 'sell out' annual regional Maths Hub conference which took place on 11th July at the Bolton Whites Hotel

and featured a series of workshops and key note speeches from Em Lords, Director of NRICH and Andrew Jeffrey, The Mathemagician.

As the 2017/2018 academic year begins NW1 welcome on board their new Level 3 Lead, Emma Soper. Emma is the Head of Maths at Connell Sixth Form College and brings with her a wealth of experience in all aspects of level 3 and post-16 maths provision.

We have been working hard to identify training needs across the North West and have based our CPD programme for 2017/2018 on those needs:

CPD opportunities for 2017/2018

Here is a flavour of what CPD opportunities we have coming up this coming academic year

Opportunity	Date	Cost
Advanced Maths Support Programme	Starting 4 October 2017	FREE
Core Maths Level 3	Starting 2 November 2017	FREE
Making Sense of Maths for Post 16	4 July, 30 October & 11 December 2017	FREE
Primary Maths PD Support Programme	Starting 9 October 2017	FREE
KS2/KS3 Multiplicative Reasoning	Starting 4 December 2017	FREE
Secondary Maths PD Support Programme	Starting 29 January 2018	FREE
Teaching Advanced Maths (TAM)	Starting 13 July 2017	£600
Teaching GCSE Maths (TGM)	Starting 15 November 2017	£500
Underground Mathematics	19 October 2017	FREE

Our Maths Hub is open to all educational establishments irrespective of phase or alliance. There is no charge to be a part of the hub and we would encourage you to get in touch so that we can keep you up to date with the latest information.

