

COLLABORATION WORKS



A warm welcome to the summer term edition of Collaboration Works – the end of this academic year is in sight and what a busy year it has been!

The spring term has seen us getting involved in lots of exciting initiatives, as well as working on a new CPD offer for our schools! No doubt you will have seen our teaser campaign running on social media over the last few months.....well the wait is now over, find out more on page 2!

Our work as a Sport England PE Teacher Delivery Hub is now well underway, with schools planning to access a plethora of CPD workshops including Mental Health First Aid, Zumba and lots more!

In April, we became a regional Accelerate Hub - a specialist programme providing teachers in their first five years of teaching with the essential specialist support they need to rapidly improve their practice, thereby improving outcomes for learners. We will be taking responsibility for over 50 Early Career teachers and several coaches throughout this 12 month programme.

I am delighted that we will continue our work with the Princes' Teaching Institute, hosting their subject specialism days for newly qualified and trainee teachers. To book your place on the 2019/20 programme please visit: <https://www.ptieducation.org/what-we-do/new-teacher-subject-days/> We have also been doing lots of work with the PTI to support our Blackpool English teachers and the DFE project has gone incredibly well there.

Our involvement in the GM Mentally Healthy Schools programme has seen hundreds of staff from across 64 schools engage in Youth MHFA training. As part of this programme, we were delighted to welcome six times Wimbledon ace and Youth Sport Trust athlete mentor,

Meet
the new
family
member...

Anna Fitzpatrick, who visited many Trafford schools. Anna has been working with pupils providing advice to help improve their confidence and reach their full potential. Drawing on her own experiences, Anna has also been offering the students coaching in key life skills such as how to develop self-esteem, learning creative thinking skills, and developing coping strategies when faced with challenges. At the national Youth Sport Trust Conference in March, I was honoured to receive the award for Innovation Partnership work, which reflects the work of our consortium on this - which is very much a team approach.



At the start of July we are hosting our very first PSHE Conference. This event is not to be missed! Andy Burnham and a host of speakers from Cosmo and Men's Health magazines, Nestac (FGM), Mental Health First Aid England and Youth Sport Trust will be discussing topics including SRE, Drugs, Mental Health and radicalisation! To book please email rharrison@aggs.bfet.uk

Finally, we are delighted to welcome on board six new partner schools (Falinge High School, Longendale High School, North Liverpool Academy, Oldham Academy North, Westleigh Methodist Primary School and Harpurhey Alternative provision - Rochdale) who we are looking forward to working with and supporting in the next academic year.

Best wishes,

Lisa Fathers

Director of Teaching
School & Partnerships



Professional Development/ Leadership

There is no health without mental health or physical health. Health is our wealth!

If you could prevent loss of life would you?

First aid saves lives and knowing what to do in an emergency can make all the difference. We all understand our mandatory responsibility of looking after the physical health and wellbeing of young people in our care. A sprained ankle, a scrape, cut or burn can all be recognised and given prompt attention when needed. We also understand when things are more serious and require specialist attention, a trip to the GP or A&E may be required.

However, despite its importance, not everyone has undergone professional training. First aid is a set of simple skills that can have incredible impact and therefore everyone should have the opportunity to learn them because early intervention really can save a life.

The One Stop Shop for First Aid...



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Meet the new family member...

We all have mental health, just as we all have physical health. Mental ill health can strike at any time and can affect people from all walks of life. As with physical first aid it is also recognised that you are as likely to use mental health first aid skills in your personal life with friends and family as you are in your professional role.

Although things are improving, stigma still exists around mental ill health. As a society, we don't tend to know how to take care of our mental health like we do our physical health. Mental health first aid training can teach you the skills to support a friend, family member or colleague who may be experiencing a mental health issue. Prevention, swift recognition and early intervention can make all the difference.

Now, for the first time the Alliance for Learning Teaching School and SCITT can offer a comprehensive package putting physical first aid and mental health first aid in equal standing. Our courses have serious, potentially life-saving messages delivered by highly passionate and skilled instructors who will ensure a safe and positive learning environment with an appropriate amount of humour and fun. We are your one stop shop for all your training needs!

Why train with us?

Because we 'get it' we know schools, our Director of Teaching School & Partnerships and co-facilitators are all MHFA England national trainers. Our Physical First Aid Lead is both a trainer for physical first aid and MHFA England.

We have a joined up approach and our quality approach speaks for itself. Our offer is the gold standard in first aid!

For more information on our suite of courses, please click the links below:



The complete CPD package for mind and body

Mental Health		Physical First Aid
http://allianceforlearning.co.uk/cpd/mental-health-first-aid/		http://allianceforlearning.co.uk/cpd/physical-first-aid/
Youth MHFA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ½ day (Mental Health Aware) • 1 day (Mental Health First Aid Champion) • 2 day (Mental Health First Aider) • Advanced Mental Health with Early Trauma 	Adult MHFA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ½ day (Mental Health Aware) • 1 day (Mental Health First Aid Champion) • 2 day (Mental Health First Aider) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Years - TQUK Level 3 in paediatric first aid – 2 days • Primary - TQUK Level 3 in paediatric first aid - 1 day • Secondary- TQUK Level 3 emergency first aid at work – 1 day

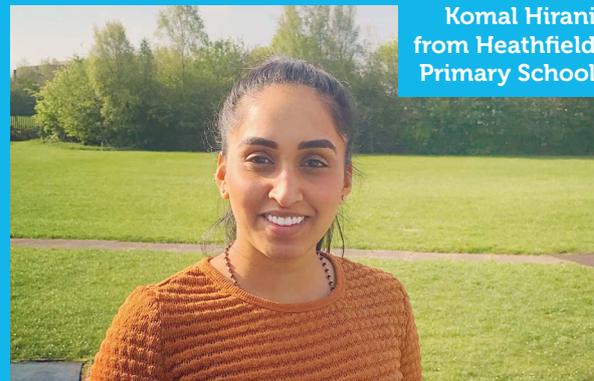
School to School Support/ Specialist Leaders of Education

Why I love SLE work!

SLE work has allowed me to use the experiences I have gained leading literacy, parent partnership, maths, KS1 and assessment. I have successfully carried out a range of school-to-school support developing staff skills and quality of teaching across the schools. Being an SLE allows me to adopt a range of leadership styles and provide bespoke solutions to support the whole school priorities. I love getting out into different schools- it's so interesting!

I have recently supported with a school-to-school project for a number of RI schools. Throughout the project I worked in partnership with maths leads to develop their leadership capacity impacting on maths across the schools. The impact of the work I carried out enabled the schools to move to Good and the maths leaders securing SLT positions. With the positive outcomes that have followed my deployment, it has empowered and provided me with confidence to continue to further school-to-school support.

I was recently seconded to a neighbouring school after conducting some bespoke SLE work. Using the wonderful experiences I had gained whilst



Komal Hirani
from Heathfield
Primary School

deployed as a SLE, I confidently implemented a range of strategies and skills which enabled leadership capacity to grow and identify strengths within the team I worked with.

SLE work is an enriching experience that has allowed me to develop my leadership styles and exposed me to a range of different challenges. I wholeheartedly endorse the SLE programme as it has helped me develop into a better leader and provides me with the challenges I am ready for.

The SLE work has even given me the confidence to consider moving onto Headship! The sky is the limit! If you haven't considered being an SLE with the Alliance for Learning I really recommend it. Lisa really supports and coaches you and you don't feel on your own with any tricky issues. It is fun!



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Train Teach Transform



Initial Teacher Training/SCITT

SCITT trainees

Our trainees are now in their final placements and on the home run to achieving EYTS or QTS at the end of June. It has been a real pleasure to work with them all and watch them develop into inspirational teachers of the future! A BIG THANK YOU to all our partner schools who have supported their training year as mentors and placement schools, and offered support, challenge and cups of tea in equal measure!

We are now busy recruiting for our 2019/2020 programme and we are delighted to be able to offer a comprehensive package of skills to equip our aspiring teachers with some of the most important skills they will need on the job. From September, all our trainees will access our two-day Mental Health First Aid training and an accredited physical first aid training course relevant to their chosen sector of education. We want our teachers to feel confident with basic first aid and to stand out from the crowd when they go for their first teaching positions. Students choosing our SCITT route into the profession can be confident they will have these important skills early on and from a resource point of view, the schools they are working in will also see the benefits.

If you know anyone who is considering a career in teaching then please do put them in touch via hlangmead-jones@aggs.bfet.uk.

Event Success!

On 25th April, we were delighted to welcome 40 NQTs to our second NQT conference this year. Attendees received interesting and informative presentations on various subjects. These included; high quality marking and feedback; differentiated delivery; life outside mainstream - from the headteacher of Harpurhey Alternative Provision School; and an introduction to SEND and Autism. The feedback from attendees was extremely positive and NQTs left the event inspired and informed.

If you would like to register your NQTs with us for September 2019, please email Astrid Lavin at ALavin@aggs.bfet.uk

On 13th May, we hosted a really enjoyable and informative Healthy Movers training course for EY practitioners. This event focused on the significant, positive impact of physical activity on Early Years development. We will be offering this valuable training again in the future so watch this space.



YOUTH
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Can you help us to place maths and physics trainees?

Undergraduate internship programme

We have 10 undergraduate interns who are looking for secondary placements in maths and physics for 4 weeks from 17th June. We normally place students in pairs - and the school will receive £200 per student.

Future Teaching Scholars

We have five maths and physics Future Teaching Scholars who will be joining our SCITT in September 2019 as trainee teachers. All scholars have been through a 3 year programme of ITT alongside their undergraduate degrees so are well prepared for teaching in their training year.

If you can help please email HLangmead-jones@aggs.bfet.uk for further information.

Date for your diaries

Early Years Conference

Our second EY Conference will be taking place here at AGGS on 1st July, where we will be focusing on communication and language skills, outdoor training, strategies for Early Mental Health and the new EY Ofsted framework.

This conference is free to ex SCITT trainees and just £60 for other delegates - great value for a thoroughly informative day. To book your place, please contact HLangmead-Jones@aggs.bfet.uk

MATHS HUB

NW1 Maths Hub has had an exciting spring term!

In January, we welcomed our Chinese colleagues from Shanghai (Huini Ye and Yan Li) who spent two weeks at Kentmere Academy in Rochdale.

Huini Ye and Yan Li presented Year 3 and Year 6 lessons at two showcase events. Both events had record attendance and it was good to see colleagues taking advantage of observing our Chinese colleagues teach, which was fascinating and quite different from our own teaching cultures.

Our Maths Hub Lead, Simon Mazumder attended an IMA reception at the Royal Society, his first engagement since becoming a fellow back in August in recognition of the 'substantial contribution to the improvement of natural knowledge in mathematics'.



We are delighted that the Opportunity Area Local Leaders in Maths Education project has received recognition for its impact in project schools - the partnerships and engagement across primary and secondary schools is rapidly growing.

In the summer term we are looking forward to welcoming our old friend Professor Ban Har Yeap back to deliver his excellent CPD, Singapore Text Book techniques. This will be extremely popular so don't wait to book a place or you will miss out on this excellent opportunity!

In 2019/20, all Maths Hubs will be running primary and secondary

mathematics Teaching for Mastery Work Groups led by Mastery Specialists. These programmes are for schools who have a commitment to developing a teaching for mastery approach. The application window is now open, if you would like to know more, please email Sarah Ludlam Sludlam@aggs.bfet.uk

Finally, we are delighted to share news that two of our partner primary schools, Alexander Park Primary School, Stockport and Kentmere Academy Primary and Nursery in Rochdale, received outstanding OFSTED inspections with special mention for their mathematics teaching and curriculum.

New EAL Hub Partnership

We are excited to share news of a new partnership with the EAL Hub (www.ealhub.co.uk). The new Alliance for Learning EAL Hub offer includes over 700 resources and CPD opportunities to support EAL or SEN pupils in the classroom. We will be working in partnership with EAL Hub to run a primary and secondary EAL conference and CPD opportunities for our schools in Sept and October. **SAVE THE DATES: 18th Sept for the Secondary EAL Conference and 4th October for the Primary EAL Conference.**

Coming Soon - Bite Back 2030



Bite Back 2030 is a new charity, working with Jamie Oliver Group to promote healthy eating and reduce obesity. The Alliance for Learning Teaching School are to pilot two food programmes for primary school children: Learn Your Fruit and Veg (EYFS/KS1) and BFET will be involved in a small scale pilot. We look forward to sharing more news on this in the coming weeks!

