

WLTA Newsletter December 2017



Sharing Best Practice

Training Teachers

Developing Leaders

Supporting Schools

Improving outcomes for all

It's been an incredibly busy year for the WLTA and rewarding to see our plans and ideas coming to fruition, driving school improvement.

With events running every week both at Montpelier Primary and in our partner schools, we have been reaching out to offer support and development across the borough and

delivering on our ambition to improve outcomes for all.

The fantastic feedback we've had on all of our CPD is testimony that we are making a positive impact. In 2018, we promise to build on our schools' successes and to increase collaboration throughout our networks. Until then, we wish you all a very festive season ahead.

National Professional Qualifications for Middle and Senior Leaders

Helping to build capacity across Ealing's schools, the WLTA is passionate about the development of school leaders. Investing in facilitator training for 10 Headteachers and supplementing the training of 25 school leaders, we have already run our first two

training sessions with feedback that our cohort found the content 'valuable, thought provoking and very engaging'. We look forward to continuing on the journey to success with our first two clusters.

School Direct

We are recruiting now for September 2018 and can offer exceptional training to successful applicants on both our salaried and tuition fee placements. Providing comprehensive and fully supportive guidance from our mentors, the WLTA gives trainees a unique chance to become grounded in a broad range of specialisms and an opportunity to experience a day at every one of our School Direct schools. Highly skilled practitioners at Montpelier, North

Ealing, Lady Margaret, Oaklands, Viking, St John's, St Mark's, West Twyford and Derwentwater primary schools will each offer a full day of training in each of the specialisms below. Trainees can also choose to take part in further elective options.

Anyone wishing to apply can find out more at: westlondonteachingalliance.com/school-direct/

Behaviour Management

Reading

Art of Writing

Maths

Science

EAL

Assessment

Pedagogy

SEN

Dealing with parents

Values Based Education

Safeguarding

Mental Health

Speech & Language/Communications

Computing

NQT Training



'Fantastic delivery' 'Amazing inset. Fantastic!' 'Very Engaging and useful' 'Really great ideas and resources for lessons!' 'Great informative session! Very organised.' 'Good ideas to try.' 'Really helpful!'

Working in partnership with the local authority, the WLTA has been commissioned to deliver a comprehensive training package to the borough's NQTs this year. Employing our SLEs to present in their specialist areas, Ealing's NQTs have benefitted greatly from this sharing of best practice.

Headteacher Mentors

Through the WLTA, Headteacher mentors have been allocated to Ealing heads who are new to post and regardless of their experience. The mentors have committed to face to face visits and

are on hand to help tackle a wide range of challenges as well as providing advice, support and guidance wherever necessary.

Pupil Premium Reviews

During the past 12 months, the WLTA has been commissioned to lead 2 pupil premium reviews, providing schools with an in depth analysis of the effectiveness of provision for pupils eligible for

the pupil premium grant. In both cases, the reviews have been recommended by the DFE.

National Support School

Drawing upon members of the Teaching School alliance, support and school improvement activity has been commissioned for 3 schools

that currently require improvement. The effectiveness of some of this work has been recognised by subsequent HMI visits to schools.

Continuous Professional Development Courses

Reading - 'An excellent training session. Very informative, useful and thought provoking.' - Teacher

'Useful, insightful inset. A wealth of strategies & ideas to implement!' - Teacher

'Made me feel energised about teaching in general.' - Teacher

'Happy & inspired. Thanks!' - Teacher

Safeguarding - 'Very Useful - packed with info!' - Deputy Headteacher

'Very thorough and clearly focussed on experienced DSLs' - Teacher

EYFS - 'I was hoping to have a real look at outstanding practice and I certainly gained that' - Teacher

'Thank-you for this very useful session!' - Teacher

The partner schools within the WLTA are able to offer a wide range of professional development opportunities for teachers, leaders and school support staff. We have already run successful courses on Safeguarding, EYFS and reading with more planned for the year ahead.

Book now on CPD Online with event code SCH 18/107 for Mark Hartley's very popular writing course:

25th January - Emulating, Pulling Apart & Reflecting - A Process Approach to Teaching Writing

More information about the CPD and support we offer can be found on our website at www.westlondonteachingalliance.com

Opportunities for Collaboration

WLTA member and partner schools will soon be invited to take part in a new termly breakfast meeting. Our schools will take it turn to host an early session in which they share with others something which has worked well for their school before leading a school walk for those who are interested.

It will also be an opportunity for members to discuss any problem areas and ideas for their own schools.

Membership of the WLTA is free and doesn't involve any formal commitment. To find out more, please contact Beth Gregory at the address below.

Ealing Headteachers' Conference

Following last year's successful conference, Ealing Council has commissioned the West London Teaching Alliance to organise the Headteachers' Conference on 11th & 12th January 2018 in collaboration with the LA and Ealing schools.

This year we will be joined by our secondary colleagues and highlights will include an inspiring and entertaining keynote about school improvement from education advisor and author of 'Hopeful Schools', Mary Myatt. Delegates will also hear about professional

learning without limits from Professor Dame Alison Peacock, Chief Executive of The Chartered College of Teaching as well as attending workshops on financial planning in austerity, recruitment and retention, children's mental health, the ELP and more.

There are still a last few remaining places available but it is no longer possible to book via CPD Online so please contact Beth Gregory directly to secure a place.

And finally...

For more information about any aspect of the WLTA please contact Teaching School Manager Beth Gregory at bgregory@montpelier.ealing.sch.uk

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