

TEACHING SCHOOL HUB

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Dear Colleagues

A very warm welcome to a new school year! I hope you have enjoyed the summer break and managed to have some much-needed down time.

We are hugely excited about our two Teaching School Hubs now being 'live' after an intense few months of preparation and planning. We are thrilled we now have a much bigger Teaching School Hub staff team funded with our DfE infrastructure grant, so we have the capacity and experience to continue to build on our successes and are able to offer the best support to schools in our Teaching School Hub areas – Trafford & Salford and Manchester & Stockport. We'll share our updated full staff team in our next newsletter, in the meantime a couple of key names you may recognise are Rachel Eppy who joins us from Teach Manchester as one of our Programme Managers and Rachel Redmond who joins us from her senior role at the Youth Sport Trust as our Commercial Manager. I am sure you will join me in wishing them a warm welcome.

The new school year sees the introduction of the DfE's professional development reforms - a **golden thread** of support that teachers can draw on at every stage of their careers. Our Teaching School Hubs are ready to provide every school in our Hub areas with **Early Career Framework** and reformed **NPQ programme delivery**.



In July we had our first Teaching School Hub Partnership Advisory Group Meeting which is Chaired by an Independent Chair and clerked by Trust GS. It was fabulous to have our LA partners around the table and some out of area visitors too, bringing some useful learning and perspectives.

I wish you all the best for this academic year and I hope it brings us together, in person, more than the last year did.

Best wishes,

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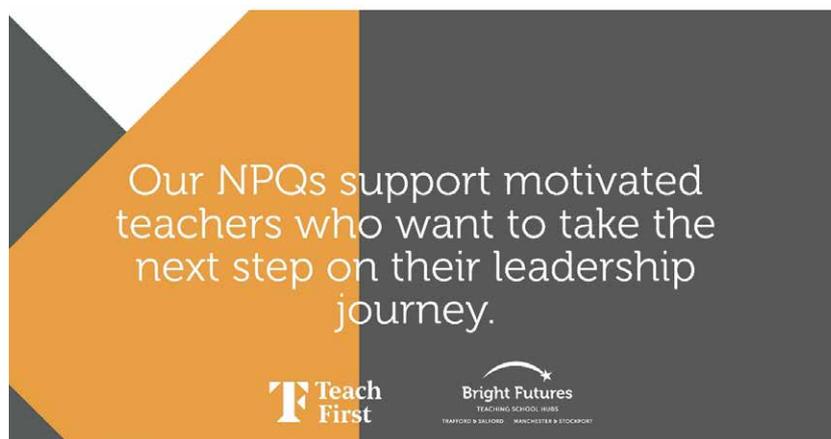
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A Guide To National Professional Qualifications (NPQs):

Following one of the most challenging years for schools, it's never been more important to think about how best to support school leaders. NPQs have been an important part of developing teachers and leaders for over 20 years. From September 2021, a reformed suite of NPQs will be available for teachers and leaders who want to develop their knowledge and skills in school leadership and specialist areas of teaching practice. The reformed suite of NPQs is designed to offer the best possible support to teachers and leaders wanting to expand their knowledge and develop their skills, helping them to become more effective teachers and leaders inside and outside the classroom.



Specialist NPQs

There are three specialist NPQs for teachers and school leaders who want to broaden their expertise in particular areas. The following programmes are for those who have, or are aspiring to have, responsibilities for leading teaching in a subject or year, leading behaviour and/or supporting pupil wellbeing in their school, or leading the development of other teachers in their school:

- NPQ in Leading Teaching (NPQLT)
- NPQ in Leading Behaviour and Culture (NPQLBC)
- NPQ in Leading Teacher Development (NPQLTD)

Leadership NPQs

For those looking to progress into senior leadership and beyond, the following NPQs build foundational knowledge to rapidly progress a school or trust's key improvement priorities - all while creating and embedding a culture that allows the school, staff and pupils to thrive:

- NPQ in Senior Leadership (NPQSL)
- NPQ in Headship (NPQH)
- NPQ in Executive Leadership (NPQEL)

Find out more information on the full suite of [NPQ programmes >>](#)

Teaching School Hubs have a remit and role to deliver the NPQs. To achieve this Teaching School Hubs must partner with one of nine organisations that have been accredited by the DfE as a Lead Provider. We take our role as the designated Teaching School Hub in Trafford & Salford and Manchester & Stockport extremely seriously, we undertook a robust [due diligence process](#) on all nine accredited Lead Providers to ensure there was a clear rationale around our Lead Provider of choice, Teach First.

We will be offering the full suite of NPQ programmes, delivered by an experienced and highly skilled facilitation team. Since designation, we have worked very closely with legacy Teaching School Alliances in all of our Hub areas and, as a result, we are delighted that our facilitation team is made up of local leaders from our Teaching School Hub areas.

Our delivery will be monitored by robust quality assurance processes designed to ensure programme members receive excellent support and guidance.



NPQ Scholarships Announced

The DfE has confirmed scholarship funded places are available to support schools to engage in the newly reformed suite of NPQs. Most state-funded schools can access scholarship funded places for the NPQ in Leading Teacher Development (NPQLTD) and for those Heads in their first two years of Headship, the NPQ for Headship (NPQH). Schools in the top 30th percentile of Pupil Premium (as of the end of the previous academic year) can access full scholarship funding for all NPQ programmes.

We provide more detail on NPQ scholarship funding on our website. To find out if your school sits in the top 30th percentile of Pupil Premium a full list of schools eligible is available on the DfE website or, alternatively, please contact us directly and we will be happy to check this for you.

NPQ Application and Information Sessions

The closing date for the Cohort 1 applications is Thursday 30th September and you can apply through [Bright Futures Teaching School Hub >>](#)

Thank you to those who joined our NPQ Information Sessions toward the end of the last academic year. In advance of the application closing date, we'll be holding more virtual NPQ Information Sessions – come along to find out the key features of the NPQs and the programme structure. Links are provided below to enable you to book your place:

- Thursday 9th September 4 - 4.30pm [book here >>](#)
- Tuesday 14th September 4 - 4.30pm [book here >>](#)
- Wednesday 22nd September 4 - 4.30pm [book here >>](#)

Curriculum Hub and Research School Updates



Supporting schools in Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale and Stockport across all age phases, [find out what's happening in your area](#) including fully-funded professional development opportunities available to you.



Supporting schools in Salford and Trafford across all age phases, [find out what opportunities are available for 2021/2022 >>](#)



Find the latest Computer Hub CPD offer for GM schools through the DfE funded National Centre of Computing Education (NCCE) and the Computing Hub based through Tameside College [here >>](#)

Many opportunities attract bursaries to take part, details [here >>](#)



EdTech support from The Manchester College through its Open Course Programme – a new CPD programme suitable for secondary schools who are looking for short term help for specific aspects of the use of tech to support pedagogy.

You can view the offer (six hours fully funded CPD) [here >>](#)



Our upcoming training opportunities, informed by the latest EEF guidance and research can be found [here >>](#)

If you would like to talk to the Research School about other school improvement and teacher development possibilities, please contact us at researchschool@mca.manchester.sch.uk



The Science Learning Partnership has lots of CPD happening in the Autumn term that will help you ensure your curriculum is Ofsted ready and, most importantly, challenges and engages all students for both [Primary Science CPD](#) and [Secondary Science CPD](#).

Local Updates and Events

As we reach the end of an era, saying farewell to Teaching School designations, we know that there is a richness of CPD offers within our Teaching School Hub communities. We're delighted many of the legacy Teaching Schools in our Teaching School Hub areas – Trafford & Salford and Manchester & Stockport will be supporting our ECF and NPQ delivery. We know wider CPD offers will continue to go from strength to strength and we'd like to play a role in sharing local updates and events.

Alliance for Learning continues to offer the huge range of CPD and school to school support it always has, so please do get in touch if you need anything at all.

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If you would like us to share a CPD offer, please do get in touch.



Next Steps

We will continue to provide updates and information sessions for our schools and partners. We will be holding further virtual information events, here are some dates for your diary:

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