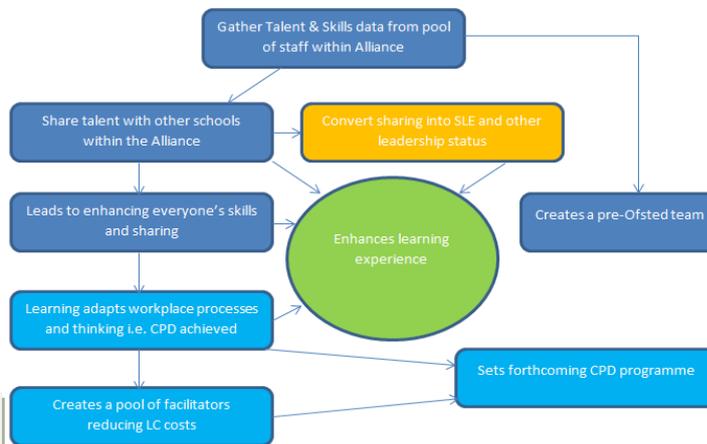


Happy New Year!

2016 aims to be a great success for the NSTSA with the sharing ethos growing, collaboration building, data gathering continuing and new plans developing.

The data gathering exercise started in Dec 15 with a Talent Questionnaire. The questionnaire results will create a database of talent hidden out in the Alliance schools. The aim of this research offers school to school support, highlights talent and future leaders, highlights areas for improvement where CPD could be a solution, creates CPD opportunities outside courses, opens up a sharing culture, provides ambitious staff with clear direction and enhances learning for the children.

By creating a 'pool' of talent within the Alliance schools, we can share that experience throughout the Alliance schools.



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School-to-school Support

As part of developing a shared database to identify up and coming leaders and strengths within schools to promote cross-school support, the NSTSA is collating the school Development plans, gathering talent within the Alliance schools and using this data to improve a range of CPD opportunities and provide information to enable schools to collaborate in a meaningful and productive way.

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The Learning Centre courses have been running successfully this term with the following courses available for Jan-Apr:

Accelerated Learning	11 & 25 Jan 09:15-12:15 £100
Effective Assessment without Levels	19 Jan & 24 Feb 09:30-12:30 £100
Outstanding Leadership in Maths	26 Jan, 22 Mar (+ 24 May & 28 Jun) £280
Developing Outstanding Learning	1 Feb (5 mornings + 1 full day) £350
Working with parents of Children With Additional Needs	2 Feb
Governors & Ofsted	3 Feb
Developing Dynamic Subject Leaders	9 Feb 09:15-15:30 £125
Exploring Issues with Puberty, Sexuality & Growing up on the Autism Spectrum	1 Mar
Outstanding Leaders	15 Mar 09:15-15:30 £125
The role of link governors	16 Mar
Improving Pedagogy & subject knowledge In the Maths Curriculum	21 Mar, 21 Apr (+25 May) £280
RQT Conference	18 Apr 09:15-15:30 £125
An Autism Friendly School	26 Apr

Full details can be found at:

<http://www.st-petersprimaryschool.co.uk/cpd-programme/>

Early Years

North Shropshire Early Years Project Gets off to a Great Start

The Early years programme continues with courses such as Outdoor Learning, Early Phonics and Little Big Maths.

There is also specific training for childminders and those working with children outside the school environment with courses running on Saturdays. The response from the Little Big Maths training is excellent so far, so keep attending and growing your skills!

Contact Helen Cooksley to book a place now. It's not too late to join!
<http://www.northshropshireteachingschool.co.uk/early-years/courses/>

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ITE

Initial Teacher Education (ITE)

The 2016/17 School Direct recruitment round has already opened. We are looking for 20 primary trainees – Early Primary (Reception – Y2) and General Primary. The first prospective trainee teachers event was on Tuesday 17th November with a Train to Teach event at the Priory School happening on 4 Feb 16 (4:30 -6:30pm). We will continue to recruit via UCAS

(<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training>).

(Please advertise this exciting, high quality and locally delivered training opportunity to your Teaching Assistants and parents).

If anyone is interested in applying for our School Direct programme click here or Shirley Milner (See useful contacts)

<http://www.northshropshireteachingschool.co.uk/school-direct-1/>

Coach in a Box

“Developing You for the Future” School Leaders Coaching Programme

The coach in a Box sessions have been a great success. The head teachers in the current programme say;

“I’d recommend this course to everyone”

“We all find ourselves ‘in the box’ and therefore under-performing. I’m spending less time ‘in the box’ and therefore improving my effectiveness thanks to this course.”

“The coaching is very professional & of the highest quality.”

“The programme makes one reflect on and reinvigorates one’s core values and motivations.”

If you are interested in joining the next programme please contact Helen (See useful contacts).

Dates for the Diary

EYFS Network Meeting	19 Jan 2:00 – 4:00 St Mary’s, Shawbury
S2S Support Group Meeting	29 Jan 2:00 – 4:00 @ St Peters
SENCo Network Meeting	5 Feb 2:00 – 4:00 @ St Peters
Professional Development Meeting	9 Feb 2:00 – 4:00 @ St Peters
ITE Meeting	14 Mar 2:00 – 4:00 @ Darwin
Executive Board Meeting	21 Mar 2:00 – 4:00 @ St Peters

If you’d like to discuss how the North Shropshire Teaching School Alliance can help support your school, please arrange a meeting.

All meetings are updated on the NSTSA website:
<http://www.northshropshireteachingschool.co.uk/diary/list/>

The aim of the partnership is to work together to continue to develop the quality of educational experience for all children in every school in the North Shropshire Teaching School Alliance. We believe that all schools within our partnership have mutual interests and believe that by working collaboratively, we can achieve far more than by working in isolation. Our main aims are to provide the best possible educational and pastoral opportunities for all our pupils and the highest quality professional development for staff and governors.

We celebrate the fact that all schools within the North Shropshire Teaching School Alliance are individual schools with individual characteristics and priorities based on the needs of their children. Participation in the alliance is regarded as an opportunity to build capacity to enhance learning opportunities for all children.