



The Norwich Teaching School Alliance

The Norwich Teaching School Alliance became accredited in April 2013 and since then we have worked on developing links in and around the Norwich area. We are very pleased that over the Summer, schools that are already promoting school to school support in different ways for the Local Authority, have joined the Alliance, thus pulling together the services that can be provided in and around the Norwich area.

Our aim is to support teachers from training through their NQT year and encourage and develop staff who will grow and become Middle and Senior Leaders in school for the benefit of education in Norfolk. In the Summer Term we ran a training day for PGCE students which included work with Google Apps for Education, Behaviour Management, Teaching SEN and an opportunity for delegates to “teach their best lesson – 5 minute video presentation. It is planned that we will build up an on-line library resource of best lessons which will be available as part of our teaching school. Delegates were able to login to the Norwich Teaching School domain enabling us to track their progression and to keep them informed of future training opportunities.

In early September we have also provided 2 twilight sessions on how to use the Google plus account. We will offer to link up schools with a training partner and link up people with other training support via video conferencing. This can link people to us for short periods of time and alleviate the need to release staff from school.

Key Foundation Partners in the Norwich Teaching School Alliance:

- Eaton Hall Specialist Academy – Lead School and National Support School
- Notre Dame High School
- The Parkside School
- Catton Grove Primary School
- Harford Manor School

Over the Summer Term the following schools joined the alliance:

- Thorpe St. Andrew High School
- Hellesdon High School
- Eaton Primary School

As part of our continued work with other Teaching Schools in Norfolk we are currently developing a website for the Norfolk Teaching Schools which will contain

information about how they are working together and will feed into the individual Websites for each of the Norfolk Teaching Schools.

The areas identified this year for progression and measurement under The Big 6 are:

- **ITT**

Over the Summer Term one of our schools in the alliance has provided a 6-week training session on the Improving Teacher Training Programme and further training is planned.

- **CPD/Leadership development**

Thorpe St. Andrew High School are running a facilitator qualification programme for NPQML, NPQSL and NPQH which has already been advertised and dates confirmed.

- **Succession Planning and Talent Management**

3 members of the Teaching School Alliance have completed facilitator training for NPQML and NPQSL with the Eastern Leadership College and three further members of staff are training to be facilitators for NPQH and NLG. We hope to facilitate more courses for professional development in this area over the next year.

- **School to School Support**

As mentioned above as part of our work with the Local Authority we are currently providing school to school support for middle leader training for staff of a local High School.

- **Research & Development**

Two of the foundation partner schools are working on this programme with the National College and attended training in mid September. They will be embarking on their research this year. Over the next term information regarding their research programmes will be available on our website.

- **SLE's (Specialist Leaders of Education)**

24 members of staff across the Alliance have been accepted to go forward as SLE's and interviews for these staff are pending.

We are interested in recruiting Primary SLE's for English and Maths. Please see the link below for Cohort 4 applications which is open from 2- 23 October 2013 and contact us as soon as possible:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/nationalcollege/index/support-for-schools/specialist-leaders-of-education-programme/sle-apply.htm>.

- **Teach Direct**

We have applied for 15 places for Teach Direct for the next year.

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