



BEST Teaching School Newsletter

November/December 2020

Welcome

As we find ourselves in these challenging times, we hope this newsletter finds you well. Here at BEST Teaching School we have adapted the way we work whilst ensuring you still receive the excellent training you have come to expect from us. All of our courses are currently running virtually to protect our delegates.

The Teaching School has a new Administrator, Celine-Anne, so please refer any queries you have to her at csearle@bestacademies.org.uk

NPQML & NPQSL COHORT 8 SPRING 2021

Cohort 8 application window for the [NPQSL](#) and the [NPQSL](#) is now open with the closing date being the 4th December 2020. BEST Teaching School delivers these programmes on behalf of the Institute of Education at UCL. To apply use the following links:

To book on the **NPQSL** please [click here](#):

To book on the **NPQML** please [click here](#):

Read the blue section carefully ensuring you have all the information to hand before starting to apply.

First thing you are asked to do is to choose your cluster from the drop-down menu **Choose BEST (Bedfordshire schools trust)**, which is the first on the list, by clicking on it.

Contact: SCombe@bestacademies.org.uk for further information.

New to Assistant Headship/Deputy Headship

This is a support and development programme for new Assistant/Deputy Head Teachers. This will comprise of four twilight sessions, two hours per session including a light tea. This programme is suitable for all phases.

The main purpose of this course is for new senior leaders to gain confidence in managing relationships both with their HT and with staff in general and be able to handle difficult situations. Participants will create a support network during Y1 of their new role.

Participants will engage with the notion of becoming an agent for change in their schools.

The four sessions will be based around the following themes:
The School's vision, Managing change, Difficult conversations and Working with Governors.



Dates:

07/01/21
11/03/21
10/06/21
15/07/21

16:00 - 18:00
Dates/timings may be subject to change



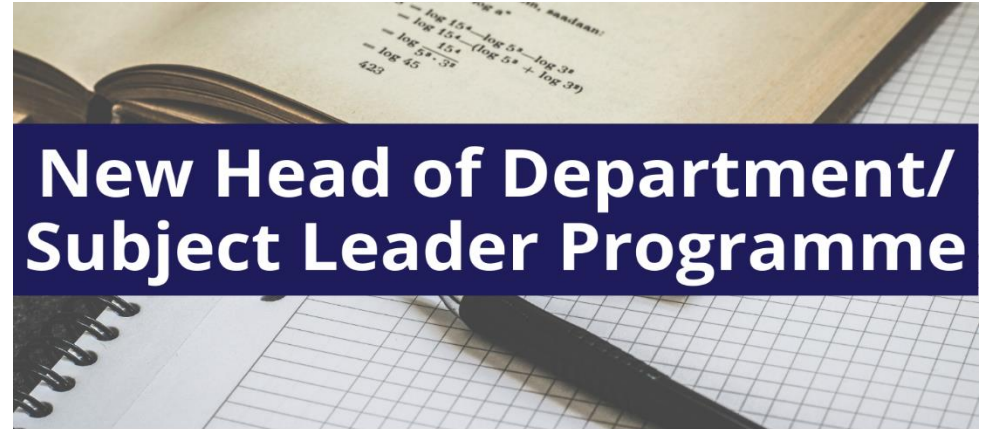
Cost:

Schools/Academies in Central Bedfordshire: £150
All other Schools and Academies: £180



Venue: BEST Teaching School | Pix Brook Academy

To book a place, please visit
www.centralbedscpd.co.uk/schools



New Head of Department/Subject Leader Programme

This is a support and development programme for new Heads of Department or Subject Leaders. This will comprise of four sessions throughout the year, each 2 hours long.

Every session will focus on one of the following themes: Time Management, monitoring T&L, Working with others and Coaching.

This programme is suitable for all phases.



Dates:

14/12/20
22/02/21
26/04/21
29/06/21

14:00 - 16:00

Dates may be subject to change.



Cost:

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The Outstanding Teaching Assistant Programme

The Outstanding Teaching Assistant Programme is for teaching assistants who are or who have the potential to be, outstanding in their roles. It is intended to develop the potential for Teaching Assistants to have a wider impact on improving the quality of teaching and learning across the school.

Participants will feel inspired and motivated to take their learning back into their schools, to make an immediate impact in their own practice, with the pupils they support, their SEN colleagues and the wider teaching staff.

OTAP forms part of the OLEVI Teaching & Learning Syllabus which has gained a national reputation for raising standards in teaching and learning.

Delegates must attend all sessions to be accredited



Dates:

20th January 2021
3rd February 2021
10th February 2021
24th February 2021
3rd March 2021

All sessions will run from 09:30 - 12:30



Cost:

Schools/Academies in Central Bedfordshire: £275
All other Schools and Academies: £320



Venue: **BEST Teaching School | Pix Brook Academy**



Leaders of the Future

This course is for outstanding NQTs +1 or +2 and consists of 5 face-to-face sessions as well as a small closing the gap project in their own schools, culminating in a presentation day. The programme is designed to develop leadership potential in outstanding recently qualified teachers.

The programme will prepare the candidates to complete a closing the gap project in their own schools linked to their School Development Plan. The course will run for the full academic year 2020/21 and will include five face-to-face sessions (4 afternoon sessions + 1 full day). The final session will be the assessment day when candidates will present their project and their findings



Dates:

14/01/21
04/03/21
29/04/21
20/05/21
23/06/21

14:30 - 16:30
Final session is a full day for presentations

Dates may be subject to change



Cost:

Schools/Academies in Central Bedfordshire: £120
All other Schools and Academies: £150



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English CPD Courses

Each session will allow delegates to engage with current research surrounding the particular area of the session/s they attend. Delegates will be provided with a range of teaching and learning strategies to implement into their own teaching practice.

The sessions can be attended individually or if all 5 sessions are booked, a discount will be allocated. Sessions are £40 per session or £160 for schools who book all 5 sessions. Different delegates can attend these sessions, but they must be from the same school to obtain the discount.

Developing Literacy and Reading Skills in KS3 and KS4

Date: 9th October 2020
Time: 09:00 – 12:00

Developing Writing Skills in KS3 and KS4

Date: 11th December 2020
Time: 12:00 – 15:00

Supporting Lower Attaining Students in English

Date: 4th February 2021
Time: 09:00 – 12:00

Engaging Boys in English

Date: 14th May 2021
Time: 12:00 – 15:00

Supporting SEND Students in English

Date: 17th June 2021
Time: 09:00 – 12:00

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