

## Welcome

Happy New Year from all at the BEST Teaching School, we hope you had a restful break.

As we find ourselves in these challenging times, we hope this newsletter finds you well. Due to the recent government guidance, BEST Teaching School 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.

## PROGRAMMES STARTING SOON

### EYFS TEACH MEETS



From September 2021, the early learning goals are changing. To support EYFS teachers and senior leaders in the implementation of these changes, two Teach Meets have been organised with EYFS staff whose school was part of the Early Adopter scheme set up by the DfE.



**Session 1 -**  
**Thursday 11th February 2021**

**Session 2 -**  
**Thursday 13th May 2021**

Sessions will run from 14:00 – 16:00



**To book please visit**  
<https://www.bestteachingschool.org.uk/course-booking-calendar>  
Discount available for schools with less than 100 students  
Limited availability

# Dealing with Trauma

UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF ATTACHMENT DIFFICULTIES, TRAUMA  
AND CHILDHOOD ADVERSITY

On the course you will learn how an understanding of the impact of attachment & trauma can help school staff meet the needs of their students and improve well-being and achievement.

The course will cover:

Motivations for behaviour

Impact of toxic stress on the developing brain

What survival mode looks like in school

Strategies that help children regulate

Spotting the early signs of distress



**Dates:**

**Course 1**

**(virtual)**

**Session 1**

**18/03/2021**

**13:00-15:00**

**Session 2**

**21/04/2021**

**13:00-15:00**

Due to  
Covid restrictions we  
are offering the option of  
a virtual course in March or a  
face to face course in June.



**Cost:**

**Course 2**

**(face to face)**

**18/06/2021**

**Full Day**

**Virtual Course: £30 per person**

**Face to Face Course: £45 per person  
(includes lunch)**

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# 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**



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



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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: Virtual



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# 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:

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



Venue: BEST Teaching School | Robert Bloomfield Academy



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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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