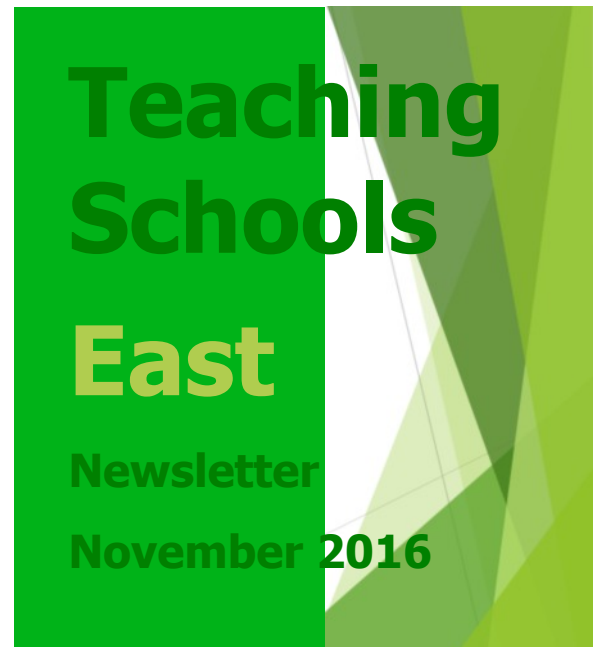




TEACHING SCHOOLS
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Welcome to the first edition of our local newsletter for Teaching School Alliances in the East of England.

It's worth taking a moment to think how far our teaching schools and alliances have come in just a few years. There are now over eighty teaching schools across the region, local and sub regional meetings and initiatives, good links with the Office of the Regional Schools Commissioner, local authorities and dioceses and, more importantly, a shared sense of collaboration as we develop a coherent school led system.

Of course, there is a lot to do but the initial meeting of our Teaching Schools East steering committee has taken place and to support my work we have recruited three regional leads, Viv Keller-Garnett, Sue Hammond and Jim Sweetman, to work alongside me.

To ensure the success of the teaching schools work we need the support of all teaching schools and multi-academy trusts. We also want them to be outward looking and involved with the development of the system as much as with improving their own performance.

Already well underway is a round of school to school support funding this term. Applications close this week and decisions will be made in December.

We are also working on the careful use of targeted support funding for developing aspiring heads and recently qualified teachers and further steps to develop the TSC East steering committee and the local structures which will support it. Together, we can make this new system work.



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Dates for Your Diary

Friday 21 April 2017: this is the date for our third regional system leader conference. This is a flagship event so please save the date now!

Regional News

Welcome to Our New Teaching Schools!

We are delighted to welcome Cambourne Village College in Cambridgeshire, the Arthur Mellows School in Peterborough and Hethersett Academy in Norfolk to the eastern region family of teaching school alliances. They have recently been inducted into the role and should soon be making waves in their sub regions.

Specialist Leaders of Education (SLE) survey

NCTL is currently evaluating the regionalised training model for SLEs. It will be helpful if all teaching schools could respond to [this survey](#) even those that have not made use of SLE training.

This [second link](#) is to the participant's survey. Please can you forward this link to any SLE designated after March 2015? The deadline to complete the surveys is Monday, November 7 so that is a very short window.

Where's your nearest Maths Hub?

It turns out that a lot of people don't know about Maths Hubs and the good work they are doing so make sure your TSA is in touch with your local hub and receiving information from them. You can find Maths Hubs in the east at:

Comberton Village College, Cambridge
Denbigh School, Luton
Sir Isaac Newton Sixth Form Free School, Norwich
The Hertfordshire & Essex High School and Science College, Bishops Stortford

Cohort 10 Teaching School Application Round

The next application round for Teaching Schools will open in mid-November. If you would like more details and a notification when it opens please email [the team at NCTL](#) asking for your email to be added to the 'Expression of Interest' list.

The NCTL Targeted Support Fund

This finance is available again to support aspiring head teachers and recently qualified teachers. In different areas of the east this funding provides conferences, additional training and mentor support. The headteacher programmes in particular have an excellent record in supporting experienced teachers on their final journey to headship. The new RQT training now spreading across the region also offers a subsidised programme aimed fairly and squarely at supporting retention as well as keeping teachers in the profession and working in the East. Contact [Mark Lambell](#) to find out more about where training is being offered in your locality.

Workload Challenge: funding for schools

The DFE is offering grant funding of up to £30,000 to support schools in developing sustainable solutions to address teacher workload. Groups of schools are invited to engage with academic researchers to develop and test practical and innovative approaches to the recommendations of the recent independent Teacher Workload Review Group reports. The reports cover: marking, planning and resources and data management.

Schools need to apply by Wednesday 9 November 2016. [Find out more](#) and how to apply.

Free Key Stage 2 Meetings

Ensure success at KS2 and develop your practice!

Free meetings continue at Tickfield Centre on November 8, Tendring Technology College on November 18 and Weatheralls Primary School on November 23. To book or find out more email: cday@histonimpington-jun.cambs.sch.uk

If there is somebody else in your organisation who would like to receive this regional newsletter each month, send their email address to [Mark Lambell](#). To submit news about your TSA email [Jim Sweetman](#)