

# NEWSLETTER

## Spring/Summer 2017



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In this latest edition of our newsletter we will share news from our TSA, along with the latest strategies and initiatives from our region.

## CPD/LEADERSHIP OFFER

## **NPQSL 2017**

9 January - Introductory 28 February - Essential 19 April - Essential 15 June - Elective 13 July - Elective

Assessment Date: TBC Autumn 2017

## **NPQML 2017**

19 January - Introductory 7 March - Essential 28 April - Essential 19 June - Elective Assessment Date: TBC Autumn 2017

## **ROT - PRIMARY**



8th March 25th April 24<sup>th</sup> May

## **RQT - SECONDARY**

14<sup>th</sup> March 30<sup>th</sup> March 11th May

For more information about this combined and subsidised offer from some of Cambridgeshire's Teaching School Alliances, please go to: discoverytsa.co.uk

## TEAM TEACH

27th & 28th February **FULLY BOOKED** 

Due to huge popularity and fast bookings we run Team Teach courses regularly throughout the year. Please check our website for further dates or use the online course enquiry form.

## CPD FEEDBACK

Some participants commented: Trainers made everyone feel at ease and relaxed to confidently particpate with physical practice and theorv.'

One school commented: 'Staff returned to school raving about the course, how useful it was and how well it was delivered.'

> For more information on our CPD and Leadership Offers, please visit our webiste: discoverytsa.co.uk

Save the date: FRIDAY 7th IULY 2017

## **SEND** CONFERENCE:

## MEET the SEND CHALLENGE

#### **SPEAKERS**

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**WORKSHOPS** 

DR MELANIE PETER TIME TO CHANGE

**EXHIBITION STALLS** SCHEDULED NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

## OTHER/REGIONAL NEWS

## **NEW TSA APPLICATION ROUND**

The application round starting this month is important because it introduces new criteria which allows more schools and head teachers to qualify as TSAs and NLEs. You can find the criteria and the eligibility details on the Teaching Schools Council website: www.tscouncil.org.uk If your school does not quite meet the criteria, ask your local TSC sub-lead for advice. It may still be possible to apply.

## **NEWS from TSC - TEACHING SCHOOLS EAST SLES RECRUITMENT**

#### Fancy a week in Madrid?

TSC - Teaching Schools East reported in their last newsletter, that Spain's Visiting Teachers programme will be extended to England, providing opportunities for schools in England to recruit 'high quality' teachers from Spain to not only teach the language but also immerse pupils in cultural aspects. The DFE is now seeking 25 SLEs to help with the sift process. This requires people to spend a week in Madrid in late March or

early April conducting interviews. The exact amount of work will depend on the number of applications and to do it you will need to know about interview and appointment processes and have some experience of criteria based interviews. Schools will be compensated for the successful SLE's time as well. You do not need to speak Spanish.

This is a great way to enhance your understanding of another educational culture and to practise interview skills. The fact that you are in Madrid in the springtime (around 20°C at midday), nicely accommodated and able to visit the Bernabeu Stadium and the Prado Museum with the odd cerveza and paella thrown in is, of course, by the way! If you would like to be involved contact: Spanish.vtp@education.gov.uk

## TSC - EAST OF ENGLAND CONFERENCE

21 APRIL 2017 - Plans are taking shape for this major regional conference featuring national speakers and a chance to celebrate the achievements of teaching school alliances across the East of England.

Dame Alison Peacock who is the new CEO CHARTERED for the Chartered College of Teaching will COLLEGE OF open the day and other speakers include the rally driver and TV presenter, Penny Mallory and Tim Coulson, the Regional

Schools Commissioner. Booking details and more information can be found on the Teaching Schools Council website: www. tscouncil.org.uk There are discounts for schools wishing to send more than one delegate and this is an ideal way to reinvigorate your leadership team!

## **READING MATERIAL**

## THE TEACHING SCHOOL HANDBOOK

The latest version of this guidance for new and established teaching schools is now available. Go to:

**www.discoverytsa.co.uk/teachingschools** and click on the *Autumn 2016* link. The Teaching Schools sub tab can be found under the **ABOUT US** tab on our Discovery website.

## **DISCOVERY PARTNERS**

## SPECIAL SCHOOLS



Spring Common Academy



Samuel Pepys School

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS



Ely St John's School



Cromwell Academy

## SECONDARY SCHOOLS



Hinchingbrooke School



Swavesey Village College



St Neots Learning Partnership



St Peter's School



Abbey College



St Ivo School

## OTHER PARTNERSHIPS



Anglia Ruskin University Anglia Ruskin University



Hunts Schools Sports Partnership



The Cambridge Partnership The Cambridge Partnership



The Pilgrim Partnership

## **DISCOVERY TSA - SLES**

## LEIGH AITKEN

Spring Common Academy - Specialism: SEN

#### KATE MOYES

Hinchingbrooke School - Specialism: Geography

## JULIE MCCRORY

Abbey College - Specialism: Business KS4/5

## ZARA PATRICK

Hinchingbrooke School - Specialism: Science & Assessment

## ANDREW BENNETT

Hinchingbrooke School - Specialism: Maths

#### DAVID BANHAM

Hinchingbrooke School - Specialism: Maths

#### HANNAH DAWSON

Cromwell Academy - Specialism: Pupil Achievement in English & Maths

#### HADEEL BENNETT

Abbey College - Specialism: English & Leadership of CPD

#### Dr DAVE RIDDICK

Hinchingbrooke School - Specialism: School Business Management

#### HARVEY GOODMAN

St Peter's School - Specialism: Music

## KIM ULMER

Samuel Pepys - Specialism: SEN, Communication & Interaction, Phonics

#### LAUREN BLYTH

Cromwell Academy - Specialism: Pupil Achievement in Maths & English

## SIOBHAN DOWD

Abbey College - Specialism: RE, SMSC & British Values

# INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH DISCOVERY TSA Please contact:

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## and finally...

Is it ever possible to **LEARN nothing**?

Can you know something without knowing that you know it? Could you ever LEARN too much?

