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INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING

Across the alliance we have already recruited a PE, English, RE and Biology teacher. Although interest in the places has been high and we have attended a number of recruitment fayres, trainee recruitment is currently down on last year at the same time reflecting the situation nationally. Please do continue to promote Thrive ITT opportunities on websites and in newsletters. Recent research has highlighted the South East as an area where many people interested in Teaching become 'lost' to the system so please do encourage anyone interested in teaching to register with Get Into Teaching to provide them with information and support.

This term we have been happy to accommodate a number of additional trainees from Brighton University and Hastings and St Leonard's Academy Teach First Trainees. This includes Science, English, Geography, Maths, Art and Textiles trainees.

During this Term, our School Direct trainees have been out on second placement. Thank you to Robertsbridge CC and Bexhill Academy for supporting our trainees. Mentors have observed the trainees and all the trainees have found the placements a great learning experience.

In Terms 5 and 6, I will be running a workshop for KS4 pupils about Teaching as a profession and we will be offering our annual workshop at Bexhill College. The workshops provide opportunities for young people to appropriately explore Teaching as a career and ensure that they are qualified should they choose to enter the profession.

Please can all schools be thinking about subject/phase requirements for SD trainees for Sept 2018

Please promote our recruitment event at St Richard's 9.00-12.00 on Saturday 10th June, further details to follow.

Lis Wood

Professional Tutor St Richard's Catholic College

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NQT INDUCTION PROGRAMME

Well done to all our NQTs from:

St Richard's Catholic College

Sabden Multi Academy Trust

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School

St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School

Glenleigh Park Primary Academy

King Off Primary Academy

Who have successfully completed the second assessment of their Induction period.

The NQTs have been visiting each other to learn from different settings and schools as well as attending critical study sessions with their tutors from the University of Sussex.

Monitoring visits for every NQT are almost complete. It has been a pleasure to meet them and their mentors and confirms that NQT Induction is strong across our alliance.

For schools who appoint in-year NQTs we are registered as an appropriate body in the same way as the Local Authority and have modelled our paperwork on their system for ease of all schools. Additionally, we provide a bespoke CPD package and personalised tracking of NQTs as well as support for Induction Tutors.

For further information please contact Joanne at Thrive Teaching School teachingschool@strichardscc.com or see the TSA and Rother EIP CPD Programme booklet.

LEADERSHIP PROGRAMMES



Our aspirant headteacher programme is underway with participants from across East and West Sussex. Many thanks to Angela Hamill at St Peter and St Paul C of E Primary School and Paul Jones of Orchards Middle School, Goring by Sea for their

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inspirational presentations. Our final session is at Robsack Wood Primary Academy in Hastings.

Quote from participant

I've just been chatting to my colleague at work about the excellent first two days, schools and tasks/activities. It's the best course I've been on for years and so very well organised to ensure you get the most out of each day. Thank you, it's really made me think about the future without sending me into overdrive on top of a busy schedule!

Please contact teachingschool@strichardscc.com for further details.

Congratulations to our NPQML alliance participants from Robertsbridge and Bexhill Academy who completed their programme through the Willingdon Cluster. It's been a pleasure to work with such committed and thoughtful participants and we wish them well as they go on to complete their assessment.

NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS IN MIDDLE AND SENIOR LEADERSHIP

Our local cluster, shared with St Marks, began in March; they are a great group and highly committed to leadership development.

The license for the National Professional Qualifications is currently under review with organisations applying for a new licence. Our Teaching School Alliance will continue to work with the Institute of Education (number 1 in the world for the 4th Year running) and will work alongside them in preparing the content for the new programmes and in training new facilitators across the alliance. The new qualifications will also include an Executive Headteacher qualification.

We will be advertising the new programmes in the Summer Term in preparation for September 2017.

ARTSWORK FUNDING

The TSA and EIP Artwork programme is in its second year. We

do have a small amount of funding left for any school who wishes to undertake a creative programme in Terms 5 and 6. We have access to a number of artists in mixed media, dance, story telling and ceramics who are great practitioners and work with children across KS1-5 to explore their learning creativity. Please contact me to talk about how we can support your needs.

We are delighted to have attained further funding from Artwork to develop a STEAM network working with schools and colleges across the alliance, STEM Sussex, Bexhill Museum, DLWP and Artwork. There are 3 project areas under the theme of Space and Place which will include opportunities for pupils and staff to develop their skills in dance, science, theatre and drama. The funding enables us to financially support engagement with Arts Awards.

Ian Murphy CPD Art Teacher Workshops
Saturday 27th May 2017 St Richard's
Catholic College, Bexhill-on-Sea

9.00 – 4.30pm sign up

at <http://www.ianmurphyartist.com/cpd-drawing/>

From Miranda Pennington

“I am absolutely delighted that we are hosting this event. Ian Murphy is an incredible artist and recommended on the AQA Art exam question this year as an artist whom pupils may choose to study. The new art specification which starts next year has a strong emphasis on drawing as a key part of the coursework and this workshop will be a wonderful opportunity for any art teacher teaching GCSE and KS3 curriculum.”



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Artsmark



Artsmark has changed its structure. A few schools across our alliance are currently in the process of applying for this Award which helps schools to strengthen curriculum provision and showcase pupil talent. All the schools are happy to share their journey. Contact us for information or visit www.artsmark.org.uk

What's on at the Izzard, Bexhill College Kim Byford SLE

Tuesday 25th April
A Night at the Movies
7pm
£3

Let us take you on a blockbusting journey! A student led event with all your favourite movie tunes.

Wednesday 10th May
Music & Dance evening
7p
£3

A celebration of the talents of our dance and music students showcasing their work from across the year. They will be supported by students from local schools.

Friday 17th May
Alice in Wonderland schools performance
All day

For group prices or funded opportunities please contact kimbyford@bexhillcollege.ac.uk

You are invited to explore Wonderland in this exciting immersive performance for local primary school children. The event will move across a variety of

performance spaces and will include interactive sections where the children can get really involved. This is a funded event which can support schools with Arts Award please contact Kim.

Thursday 8th, 9th & 10th June
Sweeney Todd
7pm
£12

Set in Victorian London, Sweeney Todd tells of a Fleet Street barber, Benjamin Barker, who was deported to Australia on a trumped up charge because the evil Judge Turpin desired his wife...

Wednesday 14th June
Celebration evening
7pm
£3

A review of all the work of the Performing Arts students from 2016/2017. Join us to see how far the students have come and to say a fond farewell to those students who are leaving us for pastures new.

Izzard Youth Theatre
The Izzard youth group was set up in 2014 for children age between 7 – 16 years. The group is run by industry professional Lizzii Hills and Liz Johnson who between them have a wealth of experience in both theatre in education for young people and performing in the west end. The youth group focuses on all three disciplines of theatre, singing, dance and acting and aims to give young people the knowledge and understanding of what it takes to be a 'triple threat' performer, alongside having a lot of fun with likeminded friends. The group is competitively priced and meet in term time on Tuesday evenings at The Izzard Theatre (Bexhill College-campus) from 5.30pm-7.30pm. If you are interested in joining the group or would like any more details please contact Natalie Roberts for your FREE trial session natalieroberts@bexhillcollege.ac.uk 01424 214545 ext 1223

De La Warr Pavilion

At the start of the new term there will be just 2 weeks left to visit the exhibition

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IN A DREAM YOU SAW A WAY TO SURVIVE AND YOU WERE FULL OF JOY

<https://www.dlwp.com/exhibition/elizabeth-price/> and use FREE resources available to download at <https://www.dlwp.com/learning/schools/>

A visit to the exhibition MY BACK TO NATURE

<https://www.dlwp.com/exhibition/george-shaw/> can be followed up with activities in the classroom or a woodland setting e.g. plant identification, bushcraft skills and model making.

Gallery Tour and Workshop for Teachers
Wednesday 24 May, 4 – 6pm, for all Teachers and Teaching Assistants

Join us to explore the potential of the exhibition SAFARI

<https://www.dlwp.com/exhibition/simon-patterson/> to enrich cross-curricular and extra-curricular learning.

NEWS YOU CAN USE!

Maths Hubs

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE TEACHING OF MATHEMATICS

More primary teachers sought to take forward teaching for mastery.

The NCETM has announced details of the recruitment of a third wave of teachers to become specialists in mastery approaches to teaching primary mathematics. 140 primary teachers will be selected to join the Mastery Specialists training programme, run by the NCETM in conjunction with Maths Hubs. Each Maths Hub will select four teachers to take part in the development phase of the programme during 2017/2018, following in the footsteps of the same number recruited in the previous two years.

Read [the news item](#) about the recruitment or download the full [information document](#) and [application form](#). The closing date for returning applications to the NCETM is Wednesday 19 April
<https://www.ncetm.org.uk/news/50043>



NATIONAL LITERACY TRUST

New research shows sharp drop-off in girls' creative writing as they grow older

Literary powerhouse Barbara Taylor Bradford OBE has launched The Write Stuff 2017, a short story competition to discover the next generation of young female writers.

The competition, now in its second year, was developed following our research in 2015 of 16,746 girls, which reveals that only one in four girls aged 14 to 16 (23%) see writing as cool, and nearly six in ten prefer watching TV to reading (59%).

Our research also found that girls who enjoy writing are four times more likely to write above the level expected for their age than girls who don't enjoy writing (30% vs. 7%). Yet, girls' attitudes to reading and writing get worse as they grow older.

The Write Stuff 2017 is aimed at girls aged 11-16 who live in the UK. Barbara Taylor Bradford OBE and The Sunday Times Editorial Director Eleanor Mills are asking girls to write a short, fictional story with a central theme of 'family'. Claudia Winkleman, journalist and TV presenter, is also supporting the competition and has been named Ambassador for The Write Stuff 2017.

How to enter: Entrants are invited to submit a fictional story of no more than 1,000 words on the theme of "family" to magazine@sunday-times.co.uk, with "WRITE STUFF" in the subject line, by Friday 7 July.

More information about the competition along with writing tips and inspiration can be found at: <http://www.barbarataylorbradford.co.uk/thewritestuff>

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Research NEWS!

This is a relatively new section to our newsletter and aims to report on recent research that has been conducted in the Alliance as well as advertise opportunities to be involved in research.

Tom Holloway and John Steele of St Richard's are leading the Research Leaders Team at St Richard's and are currently developing a research model with other schools as part of the successful Laurel Trust bid.

The team is supporting research with senior leaders in a number of local primary schools including Glenleigh Park Primary Academy and Heron Park Academy.

Research is underway, the enquiries have been identified and planning meetings have selected the area of focus and the methodology of the research. Having observed one of these sessions it was great to see middle leaders so engaged and enthused as they planned the journey with one of the research leaders.

Research team members are about to start research projects with primary schools on the KS2 to KS3 curriculum in English, Science and Humanities.

The research outcomes will be shared at the Laurel Trust Research sharing conference on 11th July in London and at the British Education Research Association Conference held at Sussex University in September 2017

If anybody is interested in the research leaders group we are running this year or require support with planning a research enquiry please contact either John or Tom at mrsteelej@strichardscc.com or mrhollowayt@strichardscc.com

National and Specialist Leaders in Education

Currently our NLEs and SLEs are working to support schools in the following areas;

Science at KS1 and 2

English KS4 moderation and developing non specialists

Science – curriculum, planning and assessment

Leadership development

Coaching

Maths Specialist Training

Network development

Initial Teacher Training

Facilitator Training

Our next recruitment phase begins in the Summer Term, check Teaching school/School to School Support.

Professional Development Summer Term

Our CPD Programme in partnership with Rother EIP continues this term. Please note that registration for some of our courses is through the East Sussex Portal (P) please see link below.

*Primary Subject Specific Networks for Science, Maths and Computing continue with the next session on 12th June

*Maximising Progress 8 Conference (Secondary) Focus on raising attainment on 19th June (P)

*Teaching Assistant Development Programme (Primary and Secondary) – Final Session 20th April (P)

*Securing Outstanding Programme (Primary and Secondary) Session 4 and 5 on 24th April and 8th May (P)

*Aspirant Headteachers Programme (Primary) Session 3 27th May. Another funded programme will begin in the summer term. Dates to be advertised

* NQT next steps session at Sussex University 25th May.

<https://www.eastsussexlearning.org.uk>

Bookings for other courses please contact Joanne teachingschool@strichardscc.co or Stephen stephen@fulcrumlearning.co.uk

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Masters Degree in Education Programme.

A unique opportunity to study locally through the University of Brighton.

Thrive TSA is pleased to offer a part-time MA through the University of Brighton, delivered principally in twilight sessions at venues local to the Rother area.

The programme is divided over two years, with an accreditation option for teachers holding M-level credits from their PGCE. The proposed two routes will be:

With credits:

One x 40 credit 'Professional enquiry' module normally delivered over a 3-6 month period

One x 20 credit module leading to a research proposal for the dissertation

The dissertation (60 credits) normally over one calendar year

Without credits:

One x 20 credit module providing support for postgraduate study through engagement with a current research in relation to an individually identified area of interest

One x 40 credit module to be negotiated*

One x 40 credit 'Professional enquiry' module normally delivered over a 3-6 month period but this could be reviewed

One x 20 credit module leading to a research proposal for the dissertation

The dissertation (60 credits) normally over one calendar year

Starting in September 2017, the MA is rooted in school-based practice, making it an excellent choice for teachers who are reflecting on and developing their practice and initiatives across their school or college.



The aim is that the programme provides a series of structured activities to support the process of enquiry, from smaller and quickly implemented projects to deeper and fuller investigation. This process of enquiry - from identification of a question worthy of exploration via a systematically planned and evaluated intervention/investigation facilitates the practitioner's insight into a professional issue. These may be focused on the same or different issues but are normally linked to the School Improvement Plan.



By locating the programme in local venues, using online access and employing twilight time the costs of the MA have been kept

as low as possible.

Dependent on cohort size the maximum cost will be approximately £1750 per annum, and the minimum will be approximately £1300 per annum. With average UK fees for M-level courses currently estimated at £3000 per annum, this programme represents substantial value for money.



University of Brighton

To register an expression of interest please contact: Joanne at teachingschool@strichardscc.com providing the potential participant's name, contact email and current role in school.