

Dear All,

## What would you like the ATA to be organising?

That is the big question I would like all schools to think about so that we can meet your needs. The ATA is just about to bid for funding and so suggestions will be welcomely received. Moreover, if you would like me to discuss matters further with you, please get in touch and I will be delighted to visit you.



**Lesley Donald**  
Director of ATA

In the present round, we are successfully supporting schools and we want to help as many schools as possible in the area. Please do get in touch!

The next round for SLE applications is also on the horizon. We have lots of fantastic teachers in our area who would be invaluable in helping with school-to-school support. We want to extend our numbers and really show how we can build up a network of support in our region. If you are interested, please look out for details, which will be sent by email, once the NCTL has announced the application dates. We shall host a twilight meeting explaining the process and requirements and we hope to see lots of you there!

The rest of this newsletter is given over to the various CPD events on offer and the fantastic Achievement through Arts Project that took place in February. We have organised lots of sessions in response to what you have told us - Early Years, SPAG, Behaviour Management, equivalent of Level 6 Work, Research and Development meetings, etc.

Remember, please make the most of these opportunities which are all offered at very reasonable prices.

Best wishes

Lesley Donald  
(Director)

### Contact Us

Write: Lesley Donald  
Director of ATA  
c/o Highworth Grammar School  
Quantock Drive  
Ashford  
Kent TN24 8UD  
Tel: 01233 624910  
Email: [office@ashfordteachingalliance.co.uk](mailto:office@ashfordteachingalliance.co.uk)  
Website: [www.ashfordteachingalliance.co.uk](http://www.ashfordteachingalliance.co.uk)  
Follow us on Twitter @ashfordtsa 

## Phonics and KS1 SPAG

**Venue:** Downs View Infant School  
**Date:** Tuesday 17 March  
**Times:** 9.15am - 12.00pm

A fantastic opportunity to find out what SPAG expectations are within each year group and also learn how to plan successfully for English, assisted by an experienced facilitator. Teaching phonics will also be discussed.

## Helping Students Achieve the Standard of Level 6 Work

**Venue:** Highworth Grammar School  
**Dates:** Wednesday 18 March 2015 - Writing  
 Wednesday 25 March 2015 - Algebra  
**Time:** 4.00pm - 5.00pm

A repeat of the very popular sessions run just before Christmas. Don't miss out this time!

## Governor Training - Student Governors (Secondary only)

**Venue:** Highworth Grammar School  
**Date:** Wednesday 18 March 2015  
**Time:** 5.00pm - 6.00pm

Led by an experienced Chair of Governors who has completed the NCTL Chair of Governors Leadership Development Programme - come and discuss what students can bring to Governance.

## Research and Development Symposium

**Venue:** The Marsh Academy  
**Date:** Thursday 19 March 2015  
**Time:** 9.30am - 2.45pm

With two keynote seminars providing insight into the benefits of lesson study, expect to have your understanding and practice challenged by the end of the day!

## KS2 SPAG

**Venue:** Lady Joanna Thornhill, Wye  
**Date:** Thursday 26 March 2015  
**Time:** 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Participants will be shown a range of effective ways to engage children in the learning process, as well as being given the opportunity to discuss best practice with other colleagues.

## Behaviour Management with Peter Hobbs

**Venue:** Highworth Grammar School  
**Date:** Monday 30 March 2015  
**Times:** 9.30am - 11.30am **OR**  
 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Come along to learn about different strategies that can make learning enjoyable for all.

Full details are available on our website - [www.ashfordteachingalliance.co.uk](http://www.ashfordteachingalliance.co.uk)

# ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH ARTS

## FUNDED BY ARTSWORK AND SOUTH EAST BRIDGE

The final performance carnival was a most fitting end to a wonderful project in which the Highworth Art Department had been very lucky to work with Phoenix Community School, Brook, Sellindge, Godinton, Kingsnorth and Lady Joanna Thornhill, Wye. Each school showcased their fantastic larger creations from the "Make It" days along with many months of hard work back in the classroom.



The project was most enjoyable and worthwhile endeavour. The teachers were very enthusiastic, linking the project to curriculum work back at school. The project was funded by Artswork and South East Bridge which is funded by the Arts Council and Lottery funds.



The performance was kicked off by a wonderfully loud tribal drumming beat thanks to Phoenix's talented musicians. There were many great dances and performances throughout and lots of smiling faces.

The ATA is grateful to Leanne McDonald from Artswork for attending and for seeing the potential in what we wanted to achieve with this project. We have most importantly developed relationships that will hopefully now develop through CPD sessions and collaborative work.

All schools have been Arts Award trained and so will be able to continue to offer this to their students in the future.



We have built a network and made links with the Turner Contemporary and West End in Schools along with local artists, Bay Lees and Alex le Rossignol. Each school has taken on this challenge on top of a very busy schedule of lessons and curriculum. Their efforts are very much appreciated. Many thanks go to the students who embraced the project with enthusiasm making it a pleasure. Their behaviour and patience were wonderful. A project to remember! Well done to all!

