

After our focus on the Maths Hub in the last issue, I am delighted to report that numerous schools are involved in the training and projects that are on offer. Don't forget it is not too late to get involved, sign up here - www.kandmmathshub.org.



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Director of ATA

Specialist Leaders of Education

With the exciting news that the Kent and Medway Teaching Schools' Network (KMTSN), through the Ashford Teaching Alliance (ATA), was one of the four regions to be selected by the National College to deliver training to Specialist Leaders of Education, this newsletter will focus on the work these individuals do and explain how an outstanding teacher can become one.

And that is the first criteria - an SLE must be an outstanding classroom practitioner. Other requirements are:

- They are experienced middle or senior leaders of at least two years
- They have a successful track record supported by substantial evidence of impact and sustainable improvements in their own and/or other school/s
- They are able to identify needs and prioritise accordingly
- They are able to grow leadership in others through coaching and collaborative working

All SLEs must be supported by their Headteacher and Chair of Governors with the agreement that they can be deployed for up to 15 days per year.

SLEs can be of value to schools in numerous ways:

- Advise on best practice in the classroom
- Draw up action plans to aid school improvement
- Work with staff (individual, pairs or groups) to aid pupil progress
- Monitor and evaluate learning
- Deliver CPD

If you are interested in becoming an SLE or if you have a member of staff who should be an SLE, please let me know so that I can make you aware of the next application round and interviews. It would be great to increase our pool of expertise - please think about applying, especially in Maths, English, Literacy, Science, History and Geography! If you would like to deploy an SLE, the cost is £350 per day or £175 for a half day. Contact l.donald@highworth.kent.sch.uk for further information or to book an SLE.



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The last round of SLE interviews took place on the 12 and 13 January and I am delighted to add **Mr Ben White** (specialist in **Curriculum, CPD** and **RE**) to the ATA list. Below is a table of ATA SLEs and their specialisms. Their individual pen portraits are available on our website under SLEs.

Name	Specialism	Name	Specialism
Austen Hardwick	Behaviour & Discipline	Kerry Donati	French
Bridget Watts	SEN	Kitty Healy	English, History, ICT, Phonics
Claire Smith	Early Years	Laura Burton	Curriculum
Gill Showler	CPD, Curriculum, Maths, ITT & NQT	Liz Pope	CPD, ITT, NQT & RE
Glynis Masters	CPD, ITT & NQT	Sally-Anne Hanson	English & Phonics
Jacki Smith	SBM	Sarah Collins	ITT & NQT
Jane Voller	SEN	Shelly King	English, Science, Support for Most Able
Jennie Morton	Art	Sophie Beale	Phonics
Justin Dodd	Curriculum & Maths	Kerry Donati	French

What's on Offer!

- **NQT Induction Programme** on Monday 14 March, 1.30pm - 4.30pm at Aldington Eco Centre. All NQTs are invited to attend to pick up tips on Assessment for Learning and meet fellow colleagues
- Our ever-popular **LDML** course for middle leaders is due to start on Tuesday 14 June 2016. Do not miss this opportunity as places are quickly filled. Liz and Glynis also offer bespoke training with individual schools. Get in contact if you want to know more!
- The **NPQSL Cohort 6** got off to a great start in November; they next undertake their Elective Modules in Terms 5 and 6
- The effective **OTP** sessions run by Lady Joanna Thornhill School as always are well subscribed. The first session is on Wednesday 24 February
- A twelve week course tackling the issues of teaching for **Mastery in Mathematics** in the new primary curriculum will begin on Wednesday 2 March 2016
- Downs View Infant School has been running a very popular **TA Training Programme**; the next session is on Thursday 4 February 2016
- Willesborough Infant School is offering an **Early Years' Inspirational Day** on 22 February 2016 - one not to be missed!

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