



Newsletter

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Welcome to the new academic year! I hope you had a very enjoyable summer holiday and are raring to go! Once again, we are hoping for a successful year with more and more schools involving themselves in our Ashford Teaching Alliance. Please make sure you spread the word and make as much use of us as you can.



Lesley Donald
Director of ATA

As always, the ATA is here to support schools and here are some of the great opportunities this term:

School-to-School Support

I can now place bids with NCTL for schools that are RI or lower in the subject/school area(s) in which support is desired. If you would like me to apply or wish to discuss the matter more fully, please contact me **by the end of September**.

Once again, we are offering our very successful **NPQSL** qualification at the greatly reduced price of £850 (should be over £1500). Those wishing to apply must register their interest **by Monday 26 September**.

We are also aware that there is a lack of development opportunities for aspiring Senior Leaders and so we are running an **Aspiring Senior Leaders (ASL)** course starting **on Tuesday 4 October**. It is an exciting programme looking at the qualities of leadership and data analysis over 4 sessions along with cross school visits.

Our ever-popular **LDML course for middle leaders** is due to start on **11 October**. Do not miss this opportunity as places are quickly filled.

Courses being offered at Downs View Infant School

For primary children (KS1 and lower (KS2))

- Tuesday 8 November - Art G&T Day
- Tuesday 6 November- Christmas G&T day
- Tuesday 24 January - Maths G&T day
- Tuesday 25 April - Geography G&T day
- Tuesday 9 May - D&T G&T day
- Tuesday 4 July - Gymnastics G&T day

Please contact Helen the school administrator on: office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk 01233 632339

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Our first Primary NQT session at Aldington Eco Centre was well attended and enthusiastically received last week. We are now offering an **NQT Secondary Programme** starting with Peter Hobbs giving tips and advice on successful classroom behaviour management. This session **on Thursday 6 October** is also open to Recently Qualified Teachers (RQTs) and staff who want to refresh their approach to pupil behaviour in the classroom.

Rachel Kobylecki is leading a **Primary Science Leadership Workshop** at Willesborough Infant School on **Monday 10 October**. To book please contact Adele Coniam on 01233 624165 or email: adele.coniam@willesborough-infant.kent.sch.uk

Liz Pope is leading on **RE Day on Tuesday 18 October** It's free and organised by Kent SACRE. It's an opportunity for Yr5 pupils to meet member of different faith communities for festivals, story telling & asking questions. Look out for details via the Kelsi bulletin (last week or this week) for details of how to book a place & further details.

Looking to next term, we will be offering our successful **Essence of Teaching** course for primary teachers who want to share creative, positive teaching strategies to make pupil learning and outcomes even better - and there will also be courses on **SPAG and Maths!**

For further information on our courses, please visit our website:

<http://www.ashfordteachingalliance.co.uk/cpd>

SLEs

Congratulations to our new Specialist Leaders of Education - Rachel Kobylecki and Julie Fountain. Remember, profiles of all our SLEs are available on our website - all Kent and Medway SLEs are on the KMTSN website - and if you would like to make use of their specialisms, please get in touch!

The next round for SLEs will be in October and we especially need expertise in English, Maths and Science (all phases).

<http://www.kmtsn.co.uk/sles>

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