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Peer-to-Peer Review

In the last issue, we said that we would report on our peer review pilot involving three schools: Lady Joanna Thornhill, Woodchurch and Downs View. Woodchurch hosted the first visit with Learning Walks being undertaken, data analysed and development targets discussed. Headteacher, Rachel Harrington, said, "It was a robust and evaluative experience which supported my own evaluation."

Lady Joanna and Downs View are scheduled to be reviewed before Christmas and their experiences will be shared at the not-to-miss day at the Kent Chamber of Commerce - details below.



Lesley Donald

If you would like to be involved in the ATA Peer Review process, you are invited to attend our information giving and training day, on **Thursday 1 February 2018** at the Kent Chamber of Commerce. Headteachers + Deputy/Chair of Governors should attend the day at a cost of **only £50** per school to include lunch and all refreshments! By the end of the day, triads of schools will be organised across Hubs so that the review can begin in Terms 3/4.

EDF/EEF Peer Review

Five schools have applied to be selected for the national EDF/EEF peer review programme. We await to hear if they have been chosen and, if so, the pilot will add another interesting dimension to our peer review programme.

More@4

Phil Chantler from Lady Joanna was the first volunteer to lead our new More@4 event in November. Phil gave an interesting and informative talk on the EEF's Teacher's Toolkit and those attending left with useful handouts and greater awareness of resources. The event was relaxed and informal and those attending said how beneficial the session had been.

The next More@4 is scheduled for Thursday 25 January when monitoring will be discussed. Instead of having a Lead Speaker, at this event schools have agreed to bring along their monitoring procedures.

We hope Head and Deputies will want to attend the January event and share good practice. Remember, there is no charge - tea/coffee, goodies and peer support for nothing! A bargain!

Other Events Not to be Missed!

Behaviour Management
(dealing with Whole Class Issues)

Peter Hobbs

Thursday 7 December 2017
1.30pm-4.30pm

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and aspiring Headteachers

up to ...

Leaping...

Thursday 18 Jan 2018
Thursday 15 March 2018
Thursday 21 June 2018

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Diary Dates

28 November 2017

New - NPQSL Cohort 1
Induction

@ Highworth Grammar School

7 December 2017

Behaviour Management
Whole Class Disruption

@ Highworth Grammar School

9 January 2018

Middle Leadership Course

@ Highworth Grammar School

15 January 2018

NQT - Primary - Session 3

@ Aldington Eco Centre

18 January 2018

Leaping up to Leadership (2)

@ Highworth Grammar School

24 January 2018

New - NPQSL Cohort 1

@ Highworth Grammar School

9 February 2018

Middle Leadership Course

@ Highworth Grammar School



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Leaping Up to Leadership

This pilot proved very popular and successful across Kent and Medway with 30 aspiring Middle and Senior Leaders and Headteachers coming together to bring about school improvement and develop their leadership skills through undertaking research projects, school visits and hearing from successful, experienced Headteachers.

The second pilot round is now open for a start in January. Scheduled dates are shown above. Cost is only £50 per candidate. Make the most of this great opportunity!

Leadership Development - Exciting News and Opportunities

We have just learned that as Ashford has been designated as a priority area, all NPQ courses may be fully funded by the NCTL; however, confirmation will be given by the end of this term. In the meantime we are starting our NPQSL qualification at the cost of £849 and money will be refunded if the NCTL awards the money.

The NPQSL qualification has been reviewed and revised and is being offered and participants will enjoy the best of the successful 'old' course along with the new requirements introduced by the National College to keep the qualification relevant to the changing world of education and leadership. A school improvement task will still be undertaken and participants will attend an introduction twilight with their mentor, 3 face-to-face days and a day of compulsory school visits.

Courses for Middle Leaders

We have decided to postpone the start of our Middle Leadership course to the 9 January in anticipation that participants will be able to complete the fully funded NPQML qualification; if not, our successful and excellent LDML course will start at the cost of £275—fantastic value for money!

School Needs

The next round of school-to-school support bidding will be in January. Please let me know what you think are the priorities for our schools (primary and secondary) and if you would like some direct support. There is a regional meeting at the beginning of December and so it would be good to let me know before then or contact me if you would like to discuss further.

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