

## Aspire... Teach... Achieve

### Primary Peer Review Day Thursday 1 February

10 schools attended the day and are now actively involved in supporting each other in triads across the Ashford Hubs. Heads and Deputies from each of the schools enjoyed sessions, led by Tracy Kent from Downs View and Phil Chantler from Lady Joanna Thornhill, on data analysis, work scrutiny and lesson observation using material and resources from another region.



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As Tracy and Phil had piloted the process in Term 2, they were able to give their findings and both were very clear about how valuable the reviews had been – both as the school being reviewed and being a reviewer of another school. It is a two-way process from which both can learn. Moreover, issues can be raised openly and honestly and then addressed as a result of the rigorous, external review.

The 10 schools have now organised themselves in triads and will carry out at least one peer review by Easter. The others will be completed by July 4<sup>th</sup> when we will meet again to evaluate the programme in readiness for running it in 2018-19. If you might be interested in being involved next year, please get in touch!



### Diary Dates

**6 March 2018**  
Middle Leadership Course  
@ Highworth Grammar  
School

**7 March 2018**  
Day of Movie Making  
Years 2 & 3s  
@ Downs View

**14 March 2018**  
NQT - Primary  
@ Aldington Eco Centre

**15 March 2018**  
Leaping up to Leadership  
@ Highworth Grammar  
School

**22 March 2018**  
NPQSL Cohort 1  
@ Highworth Grammar  
School

### Events this term:

**LDML** (6 March) continues to great reviews as does **NPQSL** (22 March).

**NQT Training** (14 March) will be dealing with Differentiation and EAL.

The **Leaping Up to Leadership Course** (15 March) has 40 participants actively involved in developing their leadership skills through a school improvement project and school visits. A Reading Comprehension for KS2 twilight is being planned – details will be sent once date is confirmed.

Finally the popular **More@4** for Heads and Deputies is happening on Tuesday 27 March 3.45 – 4.45 at Highworth looking at all the Fischer Family Trust (FFT) has to offer. Phil from Lady Joanna Thornhill has kindly agreed to lead the session. No cost! Just let us know that you are coming!

### And early next term:

**Teaching comprehension skills.** Do you teach reading skills as frequently as you teach writing and mathematical skills? Andrea de Roeck will be sharing her learning from the Active Reading Conference in December. There will be a number of activities on inference, questioning, identifying and summarising for you to try, all of which can be used in the primary classroom. This is a repeat of the training that took place at the STARS HUB INSET. For only £25 at Highworth Grammar School 4pm - 5pm on Wednesday 18 April 2018

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