

## Aspire... Teach... Achieve

### So long! Farewell!

I know that Ashford Primary Heads are having a song theme in their final meeting of the year in July and so I thought that my headline ('The Sound of Music' in case it has not struck a chord!) would appeal as I write my last Ashford Alliance newsletter! I retire this summer and would like to thank everyone who has worked with me and supported the ATA over the 5 years it has been running. We have done some excellent work supporting schools, running courses, running ITT, appointing SLEs, undertaking research, helping to establish the Kent and Medway Maths Hub, running projects and generally trying to make pupils' learning as beneficial and enjoyable as possible. A very sincere thank you to you all.

Of course the excellent work will continue! I am delighted to be handing over to Mrs Jo Valentine (Director based in Highworth) and Mrs Tina Tsui, the new ATA Administrator also based at Highworth. Brockhill will continue to run ITT under the excellent leadership of Sonette Schwartz and Ben Travers - they have ensured that the ATA has gained an impressive reputation in the delivery of School Direct and trainee teaching and their good work goes on. Similarly, our SLEs are available for school support or consultation; our CPD and leadership courses will run with our experienced facilitators; Ben White, our Research Champion, can help with projects and evidence-based practice; Justin Dodd continues to lead the Kent and Medway Maths Hub. As I have always said – the ATA is here to help you and all you have to do is get in touch. Contact details remain the same: [office@ashfordteachingalliance.co.uk](mailto:office@ashfordteachingalliance.co.uk)

### Another Thank You

I would also like to thank Mrs Tina Brobyn at Highworth. Tina was the first ATA Administrator, helping to set up the Alliance and as the ATA's involvement in the Kent and Medway Teaching Schools' Network (KMTSN) has increased over the years, she has also played a leading administrative role. Tina is leaving Highworth this summer for an exciting new position and so I wish her every success and happiness.

### All Change

I am sure the Alliance will go from strength to strength and continue to play an important role in contributing to education in the area. My final event is a KMTSN Conference at Highworth on Friday 6 July and I hope schools will send representatives because a worthwhile and informative day has been planned – please see over for the flyer.

I hope you have an enjoyable final term and exam results are pleasing. I wish you all the very best.

Lesley 



**Lesley Donald**  
Director of ATA

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

**NQT Training - Tuesday 19 June at Aldington Eco Centre 1.30pm - 4.00pm**

**Leaping up to Leadership - Final Session Thursday 21 June at Highworth Grammar - 4.00pm - 5.30pm**

**LDML - Final session Tuesday 26 June at the Towers School Boardroom - 9.00am - 4.00pm**

**NPQSL - begins at the Holiday Inn on Wednesday 13 June - 4.00pm - 6.00pm and Monday 2 July 9.00am - 4.00pm**

**NPQML - continues at The Towers School Boardroom on Wednesday 11 July - 9.00am - 4.00pm**

**Review of the Peer Review Scheme - Wednesday 4 July 12.30 at Highworth**

**TEACH MEET**

**CANCELLED**

**26 JUNE 2018**

Teach Meets are great CPD opportunities so it is a pity that this one has been cancelled. However, future Teach Meets will be organised next year - get involved and go along!

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**KMTSN**

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# **KENT AND MEDWAY TEACHING SCHOOLS' CONFERENCE**

**Friday 6 July 2018**

**9.30am - 3.00pm**

**Highworth Grammar School, Ashford, TN24 8UD**

## **Programme for the day**

- Session 1: Improving workload, drawing on national findings and DfE reports to identify challenges and solutions**
- Session 2: Using research to improve teaching**
- Session 3: Using research findings to inform bid writing and EEF opportunities**
- Session 4: Addressing challenges in ITT and recruitment**
- Session 5: Alliance projects and successes**

**Subsidised rate of only £30 per person to include lunch and all refreshments**

**If you or any members of your school would like to attend, please complete the booking form:**

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