

Welcome! The ATA got off to a flying start in Term 1 with our Achievement Through Arts Project well under way, successful Level 6, TeachMeet (with over 80 attending!) and NQT sessions and the Primary Maths project taking an exciting step forward with Nuffield. Research Champion, Ben White, has visited schools and has started helping them address the areas they want to develop. All much to celebrate and this term looks to be building on that good work as schools and hubs come together to provide the support we want to develop across the Ashford area.



Lesley Donald
Director of ATA

Specialist Leaders of Education

Our SLEs listed below are always willing to be of assistance and support in the best way they can. Their training continues with a conference in conjunction with Canterbury Christ Church University on 18 November.

If you would like to make use of their expertise, please contact office@ashfordteachingalliance.co.uk

Name	Specialism	Name	Specialism
Sue Birchall	School Business Management	Sue Murray	English
Sarah Collins	ITT & NQT	Liz Pope	RE, CPD, ITT & NQT
Justin Dodd	Leadership of Curriculum, Maths	Gill Showler	Leadership of Curriculum, Maths, CPD, ITT, NQT
Kitty Healy	English, History, ICT, Phonics	Claire Smith	Early Years
Shelly King	English, Science, Support for the Most Able	Jacki Smith	School Business Management
Glynis Masters	CPD, ITT & NQT	Bridget Watts	SEN
Jennie Morton	Art		

School to School Support

We have submitted bids to support 10 schools and develop Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation and Coaching and Mentoring across the area. We will find out the results in December.

Research and Development

Please see Ben's newsletter about Research and Development which follows.

We are currently awaiting the outcome of a bid to the NCTL to Improve Maths across Kent and Medway.

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ITT

Glynis Masters, ATA Director of Teacher Training and School Direct Administrator, Nicola Herriott, have started the recruitment drive for trainees to join the ATA's Cohort 3 for Initial Teacher Training. With a track record of 100% success and 100% employment, the ATA have a lot to offer prospective students.

Glynis and Nicola can be seen here at Kent University on the 4 November at the annual Careers Fair, attended by over 2700 university students.

Glynis was joined by students Rhys Fussell and Justine Swindells at the Teaching Expo at Kent University on the 5 November. Both students talked about their training experiences with the ATA and generated a lot of interest in students wanting to visit our schools for taster days.



Professional Development Opportunities

- Our **LDML** course for Middle Leaders is now underway in Ashford and Dover with both cohorts enjoying the expertise of Glynis Masters and Liz Pope.
- The **NPQSL** commenced on 11 November with 20 participants attending the initial session with their Assessment Mentors.
- This term's **NQT** training focuses on Differentiation, Personalised Learning and English as an Additional Language - a very relevant need in our area.
- The ever popular and successful **OTP** programme has begun under the expert hands of Lady Joanna Thornhill and Downs View Infant School.
- Our Meeting the Equivalent of **Level 6** work in English and Maths also continues with our SLEs, Sue Murray and Justin Dodd.
- Downs View Infant School and Willesborough Infant School are hosting 9 sessions for **Teaching Assistants** to enhance their skills and confidence.
- Downs View Infant School is also offering a fantastic **G&T History Day** for KS1 on 2 December. These days are always oversubscribed and so make sure you book early - 4 children per school!
- On 27 November, a session is being offered to all governors in the area free of charge on **Governing Body Structure**. Subsequent sessions will look at Finance and Student Governors in Secondary Schools.

Details of all of our courses are available on our website

Remember, if the Alliance can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are planning an Assessment Symposium for January/February - once the details have been finalised, we shall inform you of the date. Enjoy the run-up to Christmas!