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The official newsletter of
the **Leading Learning
Forward Teaching
School Alliance**

Getting to know our TSA

Welcome to the second issue of the monthly newsletter of the **Leading Learning Forward** Teaching School Alliance (TSA).

In this issue, we introduce you to the work of the five action groups, answer some more of your frequently asked questions about becoming a TSA partner and introduce to the eight key performance indicators which are driving the work of the TSA.

On the back of this newsletter, you will find a calendar key meeting dates and events as well as a useful list of contacts. The **official launch** of our Teaching School Alliance has been confirmed for **Friday 29 November** at the LDC in Scunthorpe.

The TSA website goes live at the beginning of January 2014, when we will be offering the first of our excellent CPD and Leadership opportunities. Watch this space!

Message from the Lead Teaching School

I am delighted welcome you to the second issue of the official newsletter of the **Leading Learning Forward** TSA.

In the past month we have held the first round of our five action group meetings. Their dynamic plans and activities are outlined inside this issue.

During November, we will be assessing and interviewing those who have applied to become Specialist Leaders of Education (SLE), as part of the latest round of applications coordinated by the National College for Teaching & Leadership (NCTL).

On **Friday 29 November**, we will be holding a one day event to celebrate the official launch of this Teaching School Alliance. I hope you will find time to join us. The official website of our TSA will go live at the beginning of January 2014, when we will begin to run CPD and Leadership events for schools, colleges and academies across North Lincolnshire.

Tracy Millard

*Headteacher, St Hugh's Communication and Interaction Specialist College
Chairperson, Leading Learning Forward TSA*



Leading Learning Forward

*Improving the attainment
of every child*

*The current list of partners
within the Leading Learning
Forward Teaching School
Alliance is as follows:*

1. Alkborough Primary School
2. The Axholme Academy
3. Bishop Grosseteste University
4. Brumby Junior School
5. Bushfield Road Infant School
6. Castledyke Primary School
7. Frodingham Infant School
8. Huntcliff School
9. Lincoln Gardens Primary School
10. North Lincolnshire Museum Service
11. North Lincolnshire Initial Teacher Training (SCITT & Council)
12. North Lincolnshire Children's Therapy Service (NHS)
13. St Barnabas Primary School
14. St Hugh's Communication and Interaction Specialist College
15. St Luke's Special School
16. Westcliffe Primary School
17. YPEC

Action Group News

The first round of TSA action group meetings has taken place. Here are the headlines:

- ❖ **Initial Teacher Training:** Toni Woods, Assistant Headteacher at St Hugh's, has been appointed group leader for 2013-14. The group is focused on meeting the needs of School Direct trainees and mentors during the next twelve months.
- ❖ **CPD & Leadership:** Ben Creasy, Vice-Principal at The Axholme Academy, has been appointed group leader for 2013-14. The group is putting together a comprehensive CPD programme for teachers and support staff in all phases of education across North Lincolnshire.
- ❖ **Succession Planning & Talent Management:** Joe Sellars, Principal of The Axholme Academy, has been appointed group leader for 2013-14. The group is focused on meeting the needs of current and potential school leaders during the next twelve months.
- ❖ **School-to-School Support:** Paul Foster, Headteacher at Brumby Junior School, has been appointed group leader for 2013-14. The group is focused on providing support to improve the quality of engagement by learners as well supporting teachers and learners across the curriculum.
- ❖ **Governance:** Tracy Millard, Headteacher at St Hugh's, has been appointed group leader for 2013-14. The group is focused on ensuring that the policies, processes and protocols of the TSA are robust and ready to meet the needs of partners and clients alike.

School Leadership Development

Headteachers and Principals across North Lincolnshire have been asked to provide a profile of their school and middle leaders, as the TSA links up with **Learners First** – a DfE licensed provider – to meet the learning development needs of current and potential leaders in North Lincolnshire schools. From January 2014, the TSA will begin to offer NCTL approved modules in partnership with Learners First for

SLE Applications

This year the closing date for applications to become a Specialist Leader of Education (SLE) is midnight on **Wednesday 23rd October 2013**.

During November, applicants will be invited to face-to-face assessments and interviews. Applicants will be informed of the decision by the Lead Teaching School by **Friday 6 December 2013**.

Successful applicants will access SLE training between **January 2014 and March 2014**. If you have missed the chance to apply this year, look out for further updates about the 2014-15 process next year.

Key Performance Indicators for 2013-14

The work of the Leading Learning Forward TSA under the strategic leadership of St Hugh's Communication and Interaction Specialist College is driven by the following KPIs which have been set by DfE/NCTL:

- ✓ Pupil attainment and closing the gap
- ✓ Overall effectiveness of schools
- ✓ Quality of teaching
- ✓ Quality of leadership
- ✓ Number of trainees trained
- ✓ Supply of leaders
- ✓ Number of schools in the teaching school alliance
- ✓ Number of SLEs designated, trained and deployed

We will report in a future issue of this newsletter on the progress the TSA is making towards achieving these KPIs.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Can a school be involved in more than one alliance?

Yes. There are no rules around this and it is for schools themselves to agree. A school can belong to more than one teaching school alliance. A school could even be a strategic partner for more than one teaching school. If they wish, a school could decide at any point to leave one alliance and join another. Finally, a school that is part of an alliance could apply to become a teaching school themselves at a later date.

What is a strategic partner and who can become one?

Strategic partners are schools, universities and others (that could include the academy chains, private sector, diocese or local authorities) that deliver particular aspects of the alliance's activity such as ITT, continuing professional development (CPD), leadership development or school-to-school support.

The school making the teaching school application is asked to name any strategic partners working with them to deliver aspects of their proposed teaching schools provision.

It is the teaching school's responsibility to make you aware of what is involved before you agree to join their alliance on this basis. The onus is on the teaching school to organise their proposed alliance, including details of their proposed strategic partners, prior to submitting their application.

Teaching schools may have any number of strategic partners – there are no upper or lower limits - this is down to the individual teaching school applicant to decide, depending on their capacity to deliver.

Our TSA has established five Action Groups for 2013-2014, they are:

1. Initial Teacher Training (ITT)
2. Continuing Professional Development & Leadership (CPDL)
3. Succession Planning & Talent Management (SPTM)
4. School-to-School Support (S2S)
5. Governance (GOV)

*"A **teaching school alliance** is a group of schools and other partners that commit to working collaboratively, supported by one or more teaching schools. It includes all those schools that benefit from the alliance by receiving support, as well as teaching schools and strategic partners that offer support. Alliances may be cross phase and cross sector, work across local authorities and may include different types of organisations."*

Meeting Dates

S2S planning meeting @ St Hugh's	Thu 7 Nov	3.45 – 5.00 pm
Official TSA Launch Event	Fri 29 Nov	Timings TBC
Strategic Board @ St Hugh's	Thu 5 Dec	9.00 – 10.30 am
Alliance Partners	Thu 5 Dec	1.00 – 2.30 pm
ITT Action Group	Thu 16 Jan	1.00 – 3.00 pm
CPDL Action Group	Thu 23 Jan	1.00 – 3.00 pm
SPTM Action Group	Thu 30 Jan	1.00 – 3.00 pm
S2S Action Group	Thu 6 Feb	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Governance Action Group	Thu 13 Feb	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Strategic Board	Thu 27 Mar	9.00 – 10.30 am
Alliance Partners	Thu 27 Mar	1.00 – 2.30 pm

Meetings take place at the **LDC** in **Scunthorpe** unless otherwise stated.

TSA Contacts

If you would like to get involved in the work of the TSA, then please contact the people below. We hope you will join us at the launch event in November and look out for the new website in January.

Chair of Strategic Board	Tracy Millard	St Hugh's
Chair of Alliance Partnership	Tracy Millard	St Hugh's
ITT Action Group Leader	Toni Woods	St Hugh's
CPDL Action Group Leader	Ben Creasy	Axholme
SPTM Action Group Leader	Joe Sellars	Axholme
S2S Action Group Leader	Paul Foster	Brumby Juniors
Governance Group Leader	Tracy Millard	St Hugh's
TSA Office Administrator	Sarah Mumby	LDC
TSA Office Administrator	Joel Francis	LDC

For further information, membership enquiries or to request an initial visit from a TSA partner, please email LLF.teachingschoolalliance@northlincs.gov.uk or phone the teaching school on **01724 842960**.

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