

JURASSIC COAST

Teaching Schools' Alliance

Newsletter No.19

News:

We welcome Weymouth College and Burton Bradstock Primary to the alliance who will join us from January.

CPD: Ofsted Training:

This half term we have held very successful Ofsted training for SLT with 15 people from nine schools attending, and an amazing 30 governors representing 16 schools at the Ofsted for Governors training. We have had really positive feedback from both sessions.

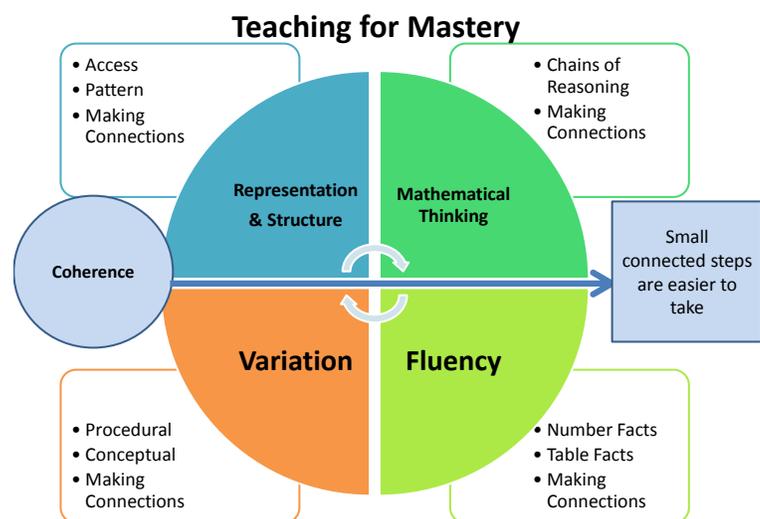
We continue to have colleagues within the alliance on Leadership Shadowing Days, please email me if you have anyone that you would like to do this, it doesn't just have to be SLT shadowing it could also be at Middle Leader level.

Dates for next meeting:

Primary meeting: **Tuesday 12th January**
11:30am - 12:30pm, Agenda attached

Steering group meeting: **Tuesday 12th January**
1pm - 3pm, Agenda attached

Primary CPD: Teaching Mathematics for Mastery
Caroline Ainsworth (Stockland Primary School) and Neil Vincent (The Woodroffe School) ran a training session for Primary teachers to help them to better understand the ideas of the mastery approach, the mastery curriculum and the accompanying pedagogic practices. The key aim was to enable pupils to "know why" and "to know when" as well as to "know how" and to "know that". The helpful summary diagram below was unpicked and the different elements discussed. Caroline shared and modelled her expertise at developing fluency in the primary setting providing ideas and resources that the teachers who attended could try in their own classrooms.



This has been an incredibly busy term for JCTSA but a very productive one too. With Sarah Parsons now firmly in post, the alliance has really begun to fly and the number of activities taking place, and the amount of collaboration going on, is really impressive indeed.

We now have 20 secondary schools and 30 primaries taking an active part in the alliance. We continue to have strong support from the University of Exeter and we have also begun working with Weymouth College, the addition of an FE provider to the fold ensuring that we now cover education from Early Years to University level and all stops in between.

The recent Steering Group meeting was very well attended and the tenor of the meeting was relentlessly positive. It is clear that everyone involved is fully prepared to take an active part in the alliance and, as a result, we are now able to support each other and share ideas increasingly effectively.

Sarah has been a whirlwind of organisational excellence this term and, as a result, the alliance has been offering a wide range of new activities. The network meetings that have taken place so far have been well attended and very positive, and the Ofsted training (both for governors and SLT) went down very well. In addition, the number of Trios in operation continues to expand and there has been a range of additional activities taking place across the alliance, including SLT shadowing, Headteacher's performance management, SIP visits, etc.

Our School Direct 'season' has got off to a good start with 17 applications received already, including a few extra PE trainees diverted from the University of Exeter when the PE quota was closed down by the DfE without warning at midnight, the day before five candidates were due to be interviewed. What a marvellous system!

In terms of school to school support, we continue to work with a couple of our alliance schools, and we have submitted S2S grant bids on their behalf. In addition, our relationship with Babcock continues to strengthen and we have been asked to provide light touch support for two schools in North Devon. Similarly, we are working closely with Dorset LA and have been asked once again to coordinate sixth form support across the county, as well as continuing to provide support to a number of schools via our Maths Hub.

We have also been invited by CfBT to participate in a really exciting new project entitled The Future Teaching Scholars' Programme. This is a new and exciting route into teaching maths or physics in schools. It is designed for outstanding students looking to study a maths or physics related degree at university and then go on to teach in secondary schools in England.

Successful applicants will be awarded a valuable programme that includes a £15k grant whilst they study a maths or physics related degree, a place on an initial teacher training (ITT) course, a pre-ITT course in the summer after they graduate, support in finding their first teaching job, and extensive personal and professional development support for six years based in outstanding Teaching Schools including:

- national and regional events exclusively for Future Teaching Scholars
- exciting school-based activities during your undergraduate years
- opportunities to be involved in research to improve maths and physics teaching

The chance to run the programme was offered by DfE/CfBT only to 'a select group of 11 outstanding teaching schools' so it is a real compliment to JCTSA to be included in that group – and a great chance for students in our alliance once the programme is up and running.

As explained in the previous newsletter, the number of grant opportunities has dwindled of late and we were therefore very disappointed not to have secured one of the post-16 grants to support the teaching of GCSE English and Maths. In fact, only three such grants appear to have been awarded this time, so funds are clearly drying up very quickly indeed. And there is still no news regarding an extension to the core grant but the mood music coming out of the DfE regarding collaboration and mutual support is very positive, so let's remain optimistic and see what happens. Meanwhile, the subscription scheme which has enabled us to second Sarah for three days a week is working well and, hopefully, will continue into the future and thus ensure that JCTSA is able to think long term rather than from grant to grant.

The most exciting news this term, however, relates to Redstart and its successful application to become a teaching school in its own right. Suzanne Flack, Redstart's Headteacher, has been working closely with us for a couple of years now and the plan has always been for the two alliances to overlap where possible in order to improve opportunities for both of us. How this will work in practice is currently under discussion but both alliances are committed to collaborative working and both share the same ethos.

Finally, we have been planning another JCTSA conference for the spring term and we will be working closely with Redstart on this. The theme will be 21st century learning and I am delighted to announce that we have persuaded the renowned global educator, Professor Sugata Mitra, famous for the 'Hole in the Wall' experiments in India and 'Unstoppable Learning', to be the keynote speaker. This should be a fantastic event!

Richard Steward

Trio Work

Dates for the Trio training are:

Woodroffe on 19th Jan 4pm-5pm for the following teachers

JAMES GILBERT	HOLYROOD
VINCENT PARKS	AXE VALLEY
JO HILL	HONITON
tbc	LITTLETOWN
ALEX EDMUNDS	WOODROFFE
ADAM PEARCE	CLYST VALE
KATY ROBERTS	ALL SAINTS
EDEL KEANEY	WOODROFFE
STACEY HOWE	HOLYROOD
PETE GIBSON	CLYST VALE
MARIE-CLAIRE ADAMS	HONITON
YASMIN SALTER	WOODROFFE
ANNE-MARIE BROOMFIELD	CLYST VALE
ELLIE EDGECOMBE	HOLYROOD
PHILLIPA GURNEY	HONITON
ANGELA WHITTEN	STOCKLAND
ROGER HUNT	REDSTART
SARAH JENKINS	CLYST VALE
STACEY PEARSON	ALL SAINTS
FRANCESCA BUTCHER	HOLYROOD

and at **Budmouth on 20th Jan** 4pm-5pm for the following teachers

DAVID HYDE	ALL SAINTS
ANDREW DAVIDS	PURBECK
LUCY ENGLAND	BUDMOUTH

Everyone involved in the Trio work this year has been contacted and invited to a training session

We are hoping to set up North Dorset Trios in the new year.

Network Meetings

This half term we have run the first network meetings. The feedback has been really positive.

Second meetings have already been set up for:

Teaching, Learning & Assessment. 11th Feb at South Dartmoor Community College

Science. 8th March at The King's School.

I will email Agendas to all schools as you may have subject leaders who would like to attend the second meeting.

I will also be organising network meetings for the remainder of the subjects, Drama, Art, Music and PE in the New Year.

School Direct

We have had our most successful start. So far we have had 17 applications nine of which will be interviewed in December.

This year we may be in a position to offer School Direct Trainees to schools that hadn't originally requested any trainees – please see emails with updates on this.

I attended the Train to Teach event at West Exe in October with Kath Hampshire (current school direct trainee).

I will be attending the Train to teach event in Taunton on 27th January 5pm-8pm.



Coming soon:

We will be running the Outstanding Teacher Programme. More information in the Spring Term.

We will be organising a 1 day conference for A-level Psychology teachers in the Spring Term



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South Dartmoor Com. College
Honiton Com. College
Sidmouth College
Sir John Colfox School
All Saints School
Beaminster School
Purbeck School

Poole High School
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Littletown Primary
Acorn Multi Academy Trust
St. Michael's Primary
Charmouth Primary School
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