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Welcome to

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Winchester Teaching School Alliance (WTSA) includes primary and secondary schools in Winchester, an all-through school, a special school, Peter Symonds 6th Form College, The University of Winchester and Hampshire County Council.

Working in partnership, our aim is to improve provision and outcomes for all the children in schools in our area by:

- ◆ providing high-quality training for the adults who work with those children, through initial teacher training and continuing professional development;
- ◆ sharing what we know and what we do, so that all our colleagues and all our schools can benefit.



Educational standards across our local area are high, with most institutions rated 'good' or 'outstanding' and this gives us the confidence and capacity to contribute to whole-system improvement across our region.

WTSA offers Teacher Training via our own unique School Direct programme; a range of Continuing Professional Development options which include Research and Leadership Development opportunities; and School to School Support.

We are delighted to be working on such exciting projects and hope that what we offer will be of interest to you.

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More information about these areas can be found in this brochure or in greater detail on our website.



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Continuing Professional Development

Within Winchester Teaching School Alliance, we take the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) of our members of staff very seriously; it is an entitlement which is central to our culture. We offer a range of CPD opportunities as listed below, driven by local need and maximising the use of local and regional networks. Whether or not you work within one of our alliance schools, if you are interested in finding out more

about any of our CPD options, we would be delighted to hear from you.



Fae Dean, CPD Chair

CPD Opportunities

- ◆ Careers and Employability: Future Visions
- ◆ Certificate in Pastoral Care
- ◆ Certificate in Adolescent Mental Health
- ◆ WTSA Annual Common Closure Day
- ◆ Termly WTSA NQT Meetings
- ◆ Recently Qualified Teacher (RQT) Programme
- ◆ Subject Network Meetings
- ◆ Middle Leadership Development Programme (MLDP)
- ◆ School Leadership Experience
- ◆ Research and Development Opportunities
- ◆ National Professional Qualifications via QTL

Teacher Training via WTSA School Direct

Our schools work alongside The University of Winchester to offer School Direct teacher training placements in 19 of our alliance schools. We aim to provide excellent teacher training for Winchester and the surrounding area.

'The year was extremely rewarding and the excellent help and support provided by Winchester Teaching School Alliance has prepared me for life as a teacher.'

Zach, WTSA PE Teacher

The University of Winchester is rated as outstanding by OFSTED for its initial teacher training provision and in the most recent National Student Survey it was ranked in the top five universities in England. Our schools, meanwhile, have considerable experience and expertise in developing and supporting qualified teachers and those entering the teaching profession. For a number of years, the city's secondary schools have worked in partnership to train teachers and we were very excited to be joined by primary partners from across the city in 2016.



'We were brilliantly supported by Winchester Teaching School Alliance throughout, with weekly meetings with other SD teachers based in the school, and regular partnership days with trainees from schools across Winchester.'

Will, WTSA English Teacher



WTSA School Direct trainee teachers follow a programme that, alongside classroom teaching, includes lesson observation, training within a host school, alliance based training days and time spent at university.

Successful completion of our School Direct course leads to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS), a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE), and credits towards a Master's Degree.



Sarah Duck, ITT Primary Lead

‘Although working in a school can be very demanding, both physically and mentally, my job is great and I would absolutely recommend training to teach via School Direct with Winchester Teaching School Alliance.’

Hannah, WTSA Maths Teacher



School to School Support

School to School Support (StSS) involves school leaders, teachers or other school based practitioners working in schools in order to improve the provision and outcomes for children. Winchester Teaching School Alliance has a history of working with others and we are able to offer School to School Support via a number of specialist roles.

We have a number of school-based WTSA staff in StSS roles which include:

Specialist Leaders of Education

SLEs are NCTL-designated experienced middle or senior leaders with a specialism (for example, Maths, initial teacher training or Primary education) who develop other leaders.

Leaders of Excellent Practice

LEPs are highly skilled teachers who work with other teachers to develop classroom expertise or share excellent practice in a specific area.

Partnership Leaders of Education

PLEs are experienced headteachers who have outstanding leadership skills. They coach and mentor new headteachers and headteachers whose schools are in challenging circumstances.

National Leader of Education

NLEs are outstanding headteachers who work with schools in challenging circumstances to support school improvement. NLEs are designated by NCTL and are experienced headteachers of very high performing schools.

National Leader of Governance

NLGs are accredited through the National College. They are governors with at least 3 years' experience of being a Chair of Governors in a Good or Outstanding school. NLGs are highly effective and support chairs of governors in other schools.



If you are interested in engaging a WTSA team member for StSS work, or finding out more, please contact Matthew Leeming, WTSA Chair, or Rob Jeckells, WTSA Director, on enquiries@wtsa.info or 01962 861161

Further Information

If you are interested in finding out more about WTSA School Direct teacher training, CPD or our School to School Support options, please contact either:



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