

Research & Development



Research & Development a crucial element of school improvement. As an area, it continues to grow nationally. To this end, we have appointed two Research and Development Advocates who will further raise the profile of research as the main

driver of improvement. Initial projects will focus on "Marking for Impact" and "Rewarding Positive Actions". The aim of each is to ensure improved outcomes for young people as well as improved wellbeing for the whole school community.



School to School Support

Recent changes in the way monies are released for school to school support see us uniquely positioned to support schools across the North West. The original School to School Support Fund has been replaced by the Strategic School Improvement Fund.

Instead of bidding for small amounts of money to deliver a "quick fix" for schools, the SSIF is designed to ensure improvement projects are more collaborative, cohesive and above all strategic. The latter is imperative if projects are to be sustainable and scalable.

Over the summer holidays, conversations were had between the various sub regions and the Regional Schools Commissioner. Emerging issues for school improvement were identified as urgent improvements in Maths and English within secondary schools across the North West.

Additional Developments: Mandarin

Building on the success of last year's Mandarin programme, we are rolling the programme out into year 8 too. Having hosted two contingents from our sister school Wenzhou No2 Foreign Language School and having visited China ourselves, it is a relationship we are committed to.



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Strategic Partners:

- The Archdiocese of Liverpool
- School Improvement Liverpool
- Liverpool Hope University
- Alsop High School
- Holly Lodge Girls' College
- The Academy of St Nicholas
- The Academy of St Francis of Assisi
- De La Salle Academy
- St Peter and Paul Catholic College, Widnes
- St Peters Catholic High School, Orrell
- St Matthew's Catholic Primary School
- Emmaus School

Alliance Partners

All secondary schools within Liverpool and across the Archdiocese

"The Big 6"

Initial Teacher Training: School Direct

We currently have 11 trainees. They are in Chemistry (1); Biology (1); English (1); Maths (5); PE (1); RE (1); Business Studies (1). They have largely been placed with our Strategic Partners across the Teaching School Alliance and more widely schools across the city.

The School Direct programme involves schools recruiting and training talented

graduates to become outstanding teachers of the future.

The training is designed in conjunction with Liverpool Hope University. Successful applicants are immersed in the life of the school from the beginning of September. Data shows that we are the first choice for the majority of applicants and whilst demand for places remains high, our robust and rigorous selection processes have ensured that we have selected the strongest in the field.

We are currently recruiting

The recruitment window for the academic year 2018/19 opens in late October. The National College for Teaching and Leadership have recognised the strength of our programme and have allocated us the following subjects to recruit for:

- English
- Maths
- Physics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computing
- Geography
- Art & Design
- Modern Foreign Languages
- PE
- Drama
- History
- RE



For some shortage subjects bursaries are available.

Schools interested in hosting home or away placements for 18/19 should register their interest with Mary Houghton houghtonm@stjohnbosco.org.uk 0151 235 1620

Continuous Professional Development (CPD)

Our provision of continuous professional development remains strong for staff within school as well as across our alliance. A new lead for this strand of "The Big 6" has been identified and will be driving this forward across the academic year.

Advanced Coaching & Mentoring (Secondary schools: £180 for first delegate and £150 per delegate thereafter; Primary schools: £95 per delegate) - **25th January**

Introduction to Timetable Construction using Nova T6 (£400 per delegate) - **25th January and 8th February**

Balancing the Budget; Curriculum, Staffing and Timetable Construction (£200 per delegate) - **1st March**

We continue to work with the Archdiocese to develop a more cohesive programme of training for NQTs across the patch.

Further information can be obtained from

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or Jane Kennedy
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Succession Planning & Leadership Development

Committed to talent management as well as succession planning, our teaching school works with licensees across the region as well as national providers in order to ensure the best possible training opportunities for all of our future leaders. Such is our success we are actively courted as affiliates for many of these providers.

Autumn sees the start of the newly licenced NPQ series of Leadership Programmes. Recruitment windows will be advertised on the Teaching School section of our website across the year.

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Specialist Leader in Education

We already have a number of SLE's. These are outstanding practitioners or subject leaders in their own field.

Subject	Name
English	Alison Roberts Andrea Gilbert Sue Pilkington Stephen McGuire Karen Cleary
Maths	Stephen Callaghan Paula Cunliffe Allan Nugent
Maths; Teaching, Learning & Assessment; Pupil Premium	Deborah Haldane
Numeracy	Paul Coffey
Computing Computing; ICT	Mark Dean James Jones
Science	Lee Humphreys Leanne McCabe Nicola Sollars
MFL	Gabrielle Velasco
Music	Beverley Harrison
Music; Continuous Professional Development	Graham Warner
Pupil Progress & Music	Liam Mackenzie
Teaching & Learning; Leadership Development	Helen Pinnington
Performing Arts; Development of Cultural Education	Pauline Ellison
CPD & Drama	Helen Chappel
RE	Jean Jenkins
Literacy	Cathy Strode
Geography	Joseph Brennan
Teaching, Learning & Assessment	Di Ross
DT; Teaching, Learning & Assessment	Anthony Millington

Costings and availability for deployment can be provided upon request.

We are currently recruiting additional SLEs in many of the areas above as well as in Science, History and Geography.

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