

Welcome to the February Edition of NQT News!

NEW Secondary CPD Courses

Have you seen our new secondary CPD training?

These are for NQT's and those in their first and second years of teaching. Here are just a few....

Assessment for Learning

Thursday 26th February, Buckinghamshire Learning Trust, Amersham

14:00 – 16:00

In this session you will be looking at strategies to gather and interpret evidence of students' learning, providing feedback that moves learners forward and activating students as owners of their own learning.

Exam Preparation: How to Make the Most Effective Use of Time and Resources to Maximise Results

Wednesday 11th March, Dr. Challoner's Grammar School

13:30 – 15:30

Aims to cover planning and practice in the build up to exams. Learn how to develop routines and revision strategies for your pupils, how to motivate, inspire them and set the right pace.

Higher Order Thinking Skills

Thursday 7th May, Kings Chapel, Kings Arms, Old Amersham

13:30 – 15:30

Explore higher order thinking skills such as evaluation, comparison and conceptualisation. You will learn strategies, such as rephrasing of questions to move from recall to analysis and evaluation, along with open-ended questioning.

New BLT Online NQT Induction Service

We are shortly launching our new online NQT Induction Service, which will allow assessments to be completed more efficiently. Further details will follow soon.

Mentor and NQT.....The Next Steps

You should all now have specific targets for developing your teaching with areas to focus on.

- Arrange your next lesson observations for after half-term, including a review meeting with your Induction Tutor.
- Is there a further meeting scheduled to discuss your progress before the end of the second half of term?
- Ensure that support is planned to help you meet your next set of targets.
- Make use of any CPD opportunities that you may be entitled to.

Half-term is just around the corner. You're nearly halfway through your induction year, so hang in there!

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We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break. We would like to congratulate you on completing the first term of your induction year, so give yourselves a pat on the back! You should now know your student's better and may start to feel a little more relaxed in your teaching. The more you enjoy it, the more they will, so don't forget to smile! 😊

For those of you with more challenging groups, try to keep calm and consistent, it's your classrom.....you're the expert!

Remember to keep your NQT files up-to-date with evidence of each standard met. Cross-referencing is very useful in this respect. Ensure action plans are reviewed regularly and include any new objectives.

We enjoy hearing from you and are available for advice, guidance, etc. so don't hesitate to contact any of our team if you need to.