

## Welcome

Hello and welcome to the spring edition of the WYTA newsletter, which will update you on our activities across the 'Big 6' themes. I am thrilled to finally be in post and delighted to have already seen some great collaboration and events happening across the Alliance. I look forward to meeting you all in due course and in the meantime, I would welcome any questions, suggestions or ideas – please just get in touch.

Clare Taylor

## Alliance Structure

A big thank you to all schools who have expressed an interest in being a member of one or more of the groups being established as part of the Alliance's structure. The organisation of these groups is currently in hand and meeting dates will be announced shortly. There are still a limited number of vacancies if anyone is interested. The groups are:

- Governance Group
- Management Group
- Steering Group – CPD / ITT
- Steering Group – Succession Planning / SLEs
- Steering Group – Research & Development / School to School Support.

### CPD

One of our first tasks is to devise a programme of professional development opportunities, and details will be posted on our website in due course. What CPD would you like to see? What are your key areas of focus this year?

A recent VTCT GCSE equivalent Hair & Beauty workshop at Holmfirth High had high attendance and was really well received by all.

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## Research & Development

Following the successful launch of the Kirklees arm of the **Maths Hub**, Holmfirth High had to postpone the MyMaths event

due to snow (see Diary Dates). Thankfully the 'AQA Preparing to teach the new GCSE' event went ahead and was very well attended by a range of maths colleagues.

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## Succession Planning

The Alliance will develop a strategy to ensure we nurture and support our future leaders, identifying and promoting opportunities to develop leadership potential and capacity across the Alliance.

## School to School Support

Expertise within the Alliance has already been deployed to support schools with specific areas of need and we feel the range and diversity of schools within the Alliance provides an excellent platform for outstanding support provision.

## SLEs

We are keen to recruit additional SLEs as existing ones are being actively deployed. The Alliance recognises that there is expertise in all schools and we are keen to help coordinate sharing of this across the partnership.

## ITT - Primary

We were allocated 8 School Direct places for 2015-16. The first round of interviews took place w/c 19th January with 4 successful applicants. Our current primary trainees had a really informative and enjoyable SEN day at Lydgate School – many thanks to them for hosting.

## ITT - Secondary

School Direct allocation for 2015-16 was 7 places. We have vacancies in Maths, Geography, MFL, Computer Science and Music. Do you have an ETA who may be suitable? If you know of anyone else who might be interested, please get in touch. We will also be organising a **School Experience** day. If you would be interested in taking part in the event, please let us know.

Our January twilight SEN training session at Newsome High provided both primary and secondary trainees with a real insight into the role of the SENCO and a range of impairments. Many thanks to our Newome colleagues Marie Brown, Claire Burdett, Judith Kirk and also to Elizabeth Howsam at Spring Grove JIN for an excellent event.

“The School Direct programme is creating solid expectations of CPD”



## Diary Dates

07/02/15 **Get into Teaching Roadshow**  
Manchester Town Hall  
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07/02/15 **A Celebration of Maths**  
Headingley Stadium, Leeds  
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28/02/15 **Creative Approaches to Maths**  
University of Huddersfield  
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04/03/15 **The New MyMaths Platform**  
Holmfirth High School  
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04/03/15 **Life After Levels in MFL**  
Holmfirth High School  
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06/03/15 **KS1 Grammar CPD**  
University of Huddersfield  
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10/03/15 **KS2 Grammar CPD**  
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## Social Media

The WYTA website is due to launch shortly. It will have links to all the Alliance members as well as details of initial teacher training, CPD courses and information about school support, including NLEs, LLEs and SLEs. It will no doubt change rapidly as more and more collaboration takes place across the Alliance but please keep your eye out for it and let us know if you would like to see anything specific on there.

A Twitter account is on its way – get ready all you fellow twitterers!

## Contact Us

If you would like to find out more about anything in this issue, or become a member of the Alliance, we would love to hear from you. For further information, please see [www.wyta.co.uk](http://www.wyta.co.uk) or email [manager@wyta.co.uk](mailto:manager@wyta.co.uk).

## Next Time

If your school is running an event or has news that you would like to share, please let us have the details by

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