

Alliance manager

We are delighted to announce that Clare Taylor has been appointed as Alliance Manager, commencing in January 2015. Clare has business and administrative skills and has also worked in education – at Huddersfield University and as a secondary school teacher. She will be a key part of our Alliance's success and we look forward to working with her.

Research & Development

We are currently exploring the possibility of working with a Calderdale Alliance with regards to a 'Maths Hub' which they have secured funding for. Watch this space...

Strategic Partners

We would like to invite all Strategic Partners to attend a meeting on TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4th, 4.00-5.30pm at North Huddersfield Trust School, Fartown. We intend to develop our proposed structure, so that we are able to establish focus groups linked to the 'Big 6' areas: ITT, professional/leadership development, talent spotting, school-to-school support and research & development.

You may want to consider if you have particular strengths or interest in any of these areas prior to the meeting.

SLE recruitment

Deploying Specialist Leaders of Education (SLEs) is an important and exciting aspect of Teaching Schools. We all have those teachers in our schools who have demonstrated particular expertise and who are able to support others in also developing skills and competences.

If you know of such 'gems' in your school – or maybe even in another setting, we would love to meet them. Being an SLE is a rewarding and accessible professional development opportunity. A letter outlining details has gone to all schools in the alliance, and application forms and other information can be found at

www.holmfirthhighschool.com Anyone interested but wanting more information should make contact using the e-mail address below and we will arrange a time to brief those concerned. Thank you to Head Teachers for sharing this information. (a.williams@holmfirthhigh.co.uk) Deadline for applications is the end of October.

School to school support

Holmfirth High School have been working in partnership with a school in Shropshire. We anticipate further school-to-school support being facilitated in 2014-15.



School Direct

Our 3 secondary and 9 primary students have now commenced their PGCE courses. Many thanks to those schools who have been able to offer a placement and apologies to those of you who did not receive relevant information regarding placements. We hope that the email situation is now resolved and that we can therefore keep you updated. As well as the PGCE input and support within schools, the Students will participate in termly CPD linked to key areas of professional development – teaching and learning, SEND and behaviour management.

We will be interviewing for 2015/16 placements from November. If you feel that you would like to be involved in the interviewing process please contact Deb at Shelley First regarding primary places and Heidi Curry at Holmfirth High School, regarding secondary places.