



Welcome

I can't believe how quickly this term has disappeared and how busy it has been for everyone. This term we have said our tremendous thanks and fond farewells to Bibi Laher and Andy Williams - we wish them all the very best in their retirements (although don't be surprised to see them around, we're not letting go that easily!) We are really pleased to welcome Shazia Azhar and Craig Jansen to the Alliance and thanks to them for the considerable contribution they have already made.

One of our partner schools (you know who you are!) suggested that this Welcome section could be improved by including my photo. Well, much against my better judgement, here it is. All your ideas on what to include in the newsletter are very welcome (well, most!)



Wishing you all the best for the festive season.

...Clare

Alliance Structure

We are changing the structure of our steering groups to have a more focused view on key strands. If you are interested in helping to steer the work of the alliance, you are welcome to join us at any of the meetings listed here:

- CPD
06.01.16 4pm
Newsome High School
- School to School/SLE/Succession Planning
19.01.16 4pm
Holmfirth High School
- ITT
26.01.16 4pm
Shelley First School
- Research & Development
date tbc

Support & SLEs

Our SLEs have been out this term working with the Maths Hub, trainee teachers and supporting schools both in the Alliance and further afield.

We have also provided a bespoke package of support to a Kirklees primary school and can tailor a similar bespoke development programme to suit your needs. *"The program was tailored exactly to our needs and had a huge impact on standards with monitoring showing higher quality of both teaching and learning"* (Headteacher Nov 2015)

In November we advertised a new round of SLE recruitment and we are delighted to have received 7 applications. More news to follow!

If you would like to know more about our SLEs or how to obtain support for your school, please get in touch.

Celebrating our collaborative conference!

A great day
which has given
me lots of food
for thought.
Thank you.

Our inaugural conference took place in September at the University of Huddersfield and was a real success. Over 70 delegates attended from 41 schools across our alliance.

They were treated to speakers from Shelley First School, Huntington School, Spring Grove JIN, Holmfirth High and the University, and attended workshops which were delivered by a range of schools. There was a real feel of people supporting each other - many thanks to everyone for making it such a success.

[Click here to see our conference in action](#)





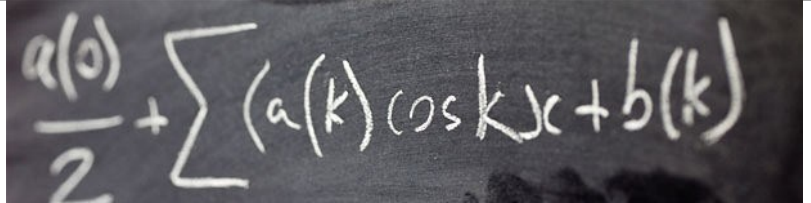
Happy New Year from WYTA Enjoy 10% off your CPD

Why not start the new year with some new CPD? To help kick-start your 2016 professional development, we would like to offer you 10% off your next WYTA course.

See the CPD Opportunities below or go online to book www.wyta.co.uk/shop.

Use the code **WYTAJan16**

- Voucher valid January 2016.
- Only 1 voucher per school.
- Voucher can only be used once.



Paid Maths & Physics Internships Summer 2016

We are one of only 23 school groups in the country to pilot an exciting new project to help attract undergraduates to teach Maths or Physics. Our 4 week programme will give students an insight into life in a classroom and give them the chance to learn more about teaching as a profession whilst being able to share their passion for their subject with the next generation of scientists and mathematicians and earning a salary at the same time.



CPD Opportunities

Restorative Practice, National Award for Middle Leaders, OTP, Outdoor Learning, Preparing for Phonics... Our 2015-16 CPD programme is in full swing and we are adding more courses in response to your needs and requests. All our courses can be viewed and booked online at www.wyta.co.uk/shop



We're pleased to announce that you can now view Pennine Sports Partnership (PSP) courses via our website too!

Our upcoming courses - January 2016

- * SEND **12/01/16**
- * AQA KS2 English Grammar, punctuation & spelling **12/01/16**
- * AQA KS2 English Reading **13/01/16**
- * AQA KS2 Maths: Mastery in Mathematics, Inspire the more able **18/01/16**
- * Early English and Maths **19/01/16**
- * Becoming a Leadership School: culture, policy and strategy **21/01/16**

Our upcoming courses - February 2016

- * Closing the Gap - Effective use of Pupil Premium **02/02/16**
- * 2 day introduction to Restorative Practice **11 & 12/02/16**
- * National Award for Middle Leaders starts **22/02/16**
- * Ways to make Student Leadership Matter **26/02/16**
- * Early Years - Enabling children to achieve Exceeding **29/02/16**

Watch out for

- * Parents who don't engage? Reaching hard to reach parents
- * Headship Support
- * The impact of an enriched curriculum on attainment
- * Willow, Living & Craft / Felt making workshops
- * Remember we offer bespoke School to School Support

**Behaviour
Strategy Forum**
North
Huddersfield Trust
13th Jan 2016
4-6pm

IT Technicians Network
Including speed dating!
Holmfirth High
28.01.16
4-6pm

Contact Us

If you would like to find out more about anything in this issue, or become an Alliance partner, we would love to hear from you. For further information, please see www.wyta.co.uk or email manager@wyta.co.uk.

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