

# CTA BULLETIN

News and opportunities for all our alliance schools

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## Welcome Back

Autumn term has arrived and with fresh enthusiasm, it promises to be an exciting year for all our schools. There are lots of opportunities in this new edition to whet your appetite for engagement and collaboration.

### The Success of Teamwork

*“Coming together is a beginning;  
keeping together is progress;  
working together is success”*

**Henry Ford**

## Primary Networks

New members are always welcome to join the discussions in our [Primary Maths](#) (30 Oct) & [Early Years](#) (5 Nov) network groups.

## CPD Opportunities this Term

- **Primary** - [Thrive and Survive in Year 6](#) [English in Year 6](#)  
[Reducing Workload](#): The Importance of Doing Nothing!
- **Secondary** - [Curriculum Intent and Planning](#) - all subject areas  
Free Edexcel History Network Event [Book your place](#)

BBL [Working Together to Improve](#) "Spotlight on Good Practice" Conference

## ITT News

*‘Inspiring Tomorrow’s Teachers’ - primary, secondary, and secondary with post 16.*



Many of you are welcoming CTA trainees as NQTs - we wish you and them all the very best as they begin their careers.

This year we are delighted to have a record number of trainees, including our first cohort for the post 16 course at Cardinal Newman College.

### New for 2019-20

- We are really excited to announce our new **Blackburn Campus** at [St Bede’s RC High School](#). They will be recruiting secondary trainees from October 2019 for courses starting September 2020.
- From October 2019 we will be recruiting to our new **Early Primary Teacher Training** course for those interested in teaching ages 4-7, starting in September 2020.

### [ITT Drop-in Sessions, Mondays in term time, 4.00 - 5.00pm](#)

Free information sessions at the Training Centre, Our Lady’s Catholic High School, PR2 3SQ.  
**Please signpost to potential trainee teachers** - undergraduates, recent graduates and career changers.

## Maths Hub News

The geographical spread of our alliance schools means that they fall into different Maths Hub areas. All Maths Hubs offer national, fully funded, work group opportunities for primary and secondary maths teachers. Check which hub your school is linked to [here](#)



**New Maths Hub** officially launched, [Abacus NW](#) for fully funded, school led professional development to raise standards in mathematics.

## Maternity Teacher Paternity Teacher (MTPT) Project

Additional funding so more teachers in the North West can enjoy the [MTPT Project Accreditation](#) for free. Please signpost to any staff approaching, on or returning from maternity leave.

## Literacy Links

To accompany the Key 1 & 2 reports, the EEF Improving Literacy in Secondary Schools guidance report was published just before the summer break. Please signpost [these reports](#) to your literacy co-ordinator.

**The following may also be of interest:**

[Register your school as a Word Gap partner school](#) and [The Confident Teacher](#) - a blog by teacher and author, Alex Quigley.

## Blackpool Research School

A selection of [information and training events](#) for teachers in primary and secondary schools

## Teacher Training

**UCAS applications being accepted from Tuesday 8 October**

[Frequently asked questions](#)