

# CTA BULLETIN

News and opportunities for all our alliance schools

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## Changes to Teaching Schools

The Catholic Teaching Alliance is a community of schools with strong relationships, many built across geographical boundaries. We are determined that these relationships will remain and flourish, in an atmosphere of support and collaboration, long after the changes to our role when the new teaching school hubs emerge. This bulletin will continue to promote the various opportunities for working together as an alliance of Catholic schools.

## NEW - secondary network groups starting Spring 2021

CTA Remote [Science](#) Sharing Network - 2 February 2021, 3.40 pm

CTA Remote [Literacy](#) Lightbulb Workgroup - 21 January 2021, 3.45 pm

Be part of these exciting new and free initiatives, please signpost to the relevant staff in your school.

## Primary Network Groups

Both the [Early Years](#) and the [Primary Maths](#) groups have had successful first meetings this year and moving to a remote format has expanded the geographical area of the engagement.

Free to attend—new dates to be announced for the spring term.

### About the Early Years Network Group

"..a community of professionals. ... to discuss pertinent subjects and share ideas with a group of people who have a range of experience and a wealth of knowledge of the EYFS."

## ITT News

'Inspiring Tomorrow's Teachers' - primary, secondary, and secondary with post 16.

### In November we asked all our trainees How have you found teaching classes?

"Amazing. I'm really, really enjoying teaching and found it challenging at times but I have lots of support."

"It is great, I have ample support when needed and have learned a lot of new skills along the way."

"I really love teaching classes. It has definitely been a challenge but an enjoyable one."

**A huge thank you** - we had our concerns about how our schools and our new trainees would deal with the ever-changing situation in our schools at the moment. However, our [trainee feedback](#) demonstrates what an amazing job you continue to do in support of their development.

**Please help if you can** - we have a number of secondary trainees, [various subjects](#), in need of a school for their second placement (21 Jan - 9 Jun, attracting a payment of £1400.) [Contact us](#)

## Virtual ITT Drop-in Sessions, Mondays and Thursdays in term time.

Informal, remote information sessions, delivered by programme leaders, join by appointment.

**Please signpost to potential trainee teachers** - undergraduates, recent graduates and career changers. Book a place [CTASchoolDirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:CTASchoolDirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk)



We are delighted that lots of our schools are taking up fabulous opportunities from our Maths Hubs. [Abacus NW Maths Hub](#) and [NNW Maths Hub](#) websites provide a wealth of opportunities and resources and will answer all your questions.

### Recruiting now - don't miss out

Supporting Secondary Mathematics NQTs

Joined-up problem solving strategies for teachers of maths and science

Mathematical Thinking for GCSE

Year 5- 8 Continuity

### Looking after our NQTs

It's a crazy time to be in your first year as a teacher! Especially when so many of them had their training year disrupted too. Are you looking for extra support for your NQTs?

[High quality CPD for new teachers from the Schools History Project](#)

[Maths NQT Work Group](#)

[NQT chat on Twitter](#)

We are exploring the possibility of launching a CTA Network Group for NQTs working in our alliance schools, primary and secondary. A chance for them to share experiences and benefit from some peer support. Watch out for more information.

### English Hubs - St John Vianney

**Free Virtual Showcase Events** - Best practice in the teaching of systematic phonics and early reading. [See poster](#) for available dates.

### EEF Newsletter

See the [November 2020 issue](#) for their latest guidance and projects

### STEM Learning

Follow link for Physics partners hub session 8<sup>th</sup> December.

[INVITE ONLY - Physics Partners Hub - Energy | STEM](#)

### Teacher Training

Applications being accepted for  
**Early Primary - Primary-  
Secondary - Post 16**

[Frequently asked questions](#)