

# CTA BULLETIN

News and opportunities for all our alliance schools

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## † Christmas Wishes †

The busyness of this time of year was accurately summed up when a colleague reported feeling “like a hamster on a glittery wheel”. Hopefully, the Christmas holiday delivers the peace and joy that we all wish for.

**CTA Alumni.** Do you currently have a CTA trained teacher on your staff? Please forward their name and role(s) in school. We are looking to walk with them on their journey in Catholic education with a view to nurturing and supporting them.

## CTA Spring CPD

There is a focus on mathematics in our Spring CPD programme. See the [website](#) for more details of mathematics courses suitable for KS1, KS2 and KS3. Plus, book now for [primary subject leadership](#), and planning prayer journeys in RE.

### Q: Do you know our training travels?

A: [Contact us](#) to see if we can help with **CPD2u**.

## CPD2u

*“Great resources. Speaker very confidently shared a wealth of expertise.”*

*-Primary teacher*

*Sacred Heart, Barrow*

*November 2018*

## ITT News

*‘Inspiring Tomorrow’s Teachers’ at primary, secondary and now post 16.*

### The current 2018/19 cohort have completed first placements

As always, we are very appreciative of the support given to our trainee teachers by staff in our alliance schools as they begin their journey. You all give your time and expertise so generously, it makes such a difference to the trainees’ experiences and contributes to their overall success on the course.

### New Year - New Beginnings

#### ITT Drop-in sessions continue in January

First session 21 January and then [every Monday in term-time](#), 4.00-5.00pm in the Training Centre at Our Lady’s Catholic High School, PR2 3SQ.

Please signpost to potential trainee teachers - undergraduates, recent graduates and career changers

### Primary Maths Network Successfully Launched

Date for your diary:

[Wednesday 27 February 2019](#)

Come along to the next meeting, 4.00—5.30pm in the Training Centre at Our Lady’s Catholic High School, PR2 3SQ

Email [cta@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:cta@olchs.lancs.sch.uk) to book a place

### Maternity/Paternity CPD Coffee Morning

Catherine Lea, CTA SLE, is hosting her first event for teachers on parental leave. Catherine is looking forward to chatting parenting, teaching and CPD at Bloomfield Road Stadium, Blackpool on Monday 14 January, 10.00am - 12.00pm [More info](#)

Please forward this information to any staff at your school who may be interested in this project.

## North West Catholic Dioceses Training Partnership

The five north west Catholic Dioceses have put together a comprehensive leadership programme of events for those aspiring to lead in our Catholic schools. We have a collective responsibility to ensure that we spot and nurture potential talent and make every effort to ensure that it remains, and has the means to grow, within our schools. See the [Partnership website](#) for details and application forms.

Help requested by the Partnership for headteachers to act as mentors to participants in the training events and/or to present/suggest presenters for conference sessions. Please contact Fran Wygladala, Diocesan Leader of Education (DLE) [frances.wygladala@st-kentigern.blackpool.sch.uk](mailto:frances.wygladala@st-kentigern.blackpool.sch.uk)



## Major Literacy Opportunity

Our CTA cross-phase work group project on **Closing the Vocabulary Gap Years 5—9** met for the first time this month and agreed to raise awareness of this vital issue, that affects so many of our pupils, by disseminating the information in their own schools. It is not too late to get involved, contact us for more information.

— [contact us](#) [Link to flyer](#)

## Keeping in touch

We sent our Key Contact form out recently. If you haven’t returned one for your school please [click here](#) to download.