



CATHOLIC
TEACHING
ALLIANCE

**IN UNITY,
LEADING
LEARNING**

Our Journey Continues

'We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.' *Attributed to Oscar Romero.*

The Catholic Teaching Alliance has come a long way in the past 4 years and we have enjoyed developing a shared vision for collaboration with you, our alliance schools.

You have expertly shared this vision with our trainee teachers and they have taken the baton, have survived as NQTs and gone on to become experienced, established members of staff in your schools and that is extremely satisfying to witness. Our Initial Teacher Training remains the glue that holds us all together and our collective responsibility to get things right for our future teachers will ensure that we will get things right for the children in our schools.

Going forward into the changing climate of the school led system we know that many new initiatives and challenges are coming our way and it

is gratifying to realise that we have each other to rely on for support. We all share the same problems and within our alliance we have an abundance of talent with the solutions. The idea that we don't need to be experts at everything is always reassuring.

We are growing our talented bank of teachers from our alliance schools who have become Specialist Leaders of Education. Their role is changing and they are supporting various funded projects, leading training and hosting networks for their specialisms.

We are delighted that one of our alliance schools has become a research school. St Mary's Catholic Academy in Blackpool is at the forefront of educational research.

We are looking to build capacity in the alliance by supporting schools to

become teaching schools within the alliance. Alliances offer more than the sum of their parts. Their strength lies in the pool of skills and experience available in all of the schools and staff across the alliance.

The North West Catholic Dioceses Training Partnership continue to develop and deliver outstanding CPD opportunities for our teaching staff and governors and the CTA is working closely with them and other teaching schools across the North West to communicate and share our collective challenges and ideas. Finally, the success of our own CPD is down to you, our alliance schools. You tell us what you want, you share your enthusiasm with us, you release your talented staff to deliver our courses and you participate in training.

Thank you. We couldn't do it without you.



EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS

Continuous Professional Development

We continue to expand the reach of our CPD at the Training Centre in Fulwood, Preston and at our CPD Hub in Maryport, Cumbria. While CPD2U takes our trainers and courses directly into schools.

"Fantastic course - great advice that can be used across all maths lessons."

"The course was extremely interesting and has made me enthusiastic to go back to school tomorrow and introduce new things."

"An enthusiastic trainer. Thank you!"

"Really informative session - very well paced and well delivered. Key messages very clear."



Teach them ... to discover



Initial Teacher Training

The 2018-19 academic year will see the enrolment of our 100th trainee teacher while our first cohort of trainees are taking their first steps into middle leadership.

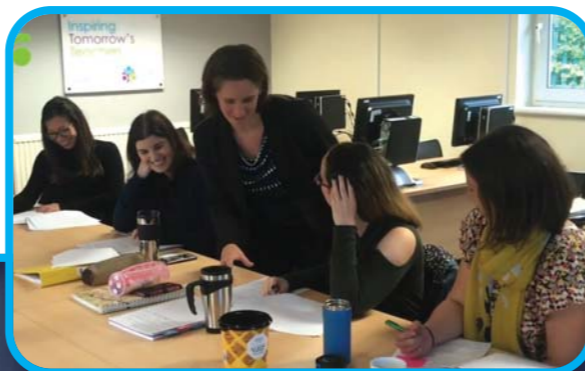
"I have thoroughly enjoyed my journey so far. I have learnt so much and have felt well supported throughout the placement."

"My mentor is hugely supportive and an excellent role model to me. I am very grateful to have been placed at such an outstanding school."

"I have really enjoyed the course so far and I am loving my placement."

"I love the course and am proud to be a CTA trainee."

"My decision to teach with CTA is the best decision I have made. I feel very supported and comfortable."



Teach them ... learning is fun



Teach them ... resilience



Inspiring Teachers and Governors Conference

Our conference has become an annual fixture in the academic calendar. This is a collaborative event, contributions come from a variety of alliance schools and it is enjoyed by a wide cross section of people from our primary and secondary alliance schools.



"An enjoyable day with lots of helpful advice to put into practice. Really enjoyed time to network and discuss."

"Time to think about why we do what we do! Inspiration from the keynote speakers. A great day. Thank you."

"Opportunities to ask questions in breakout session as much smaller size. Great focus on Catholic Ethos."

"Networking with others and listening to inspirational speakers. The Catholic vision and mission openly articulated and shared."

"Thank you very much! Slick and well organised, lovely atmosphere."

"Recognising that schools are in similar situations and that together, we can move forward and overcome the difficulties."

If you...

Know anyone who is interested in a career in teaching, tell them about the training offered by the CTA. It is a School Direct route into teaching and offers QTS as well as a PGCE. At no extra cost, the trainees are also given the opportunity to study for the CCRS, a valuable qualification to have when applying for jobs in Catholic schools.

Are holding a careers event in your school, invite us along so that we can let your pupils know about future careers in teaching and how they can train with us.

Have some training needs in your school or have an idea for a training course – let us know, someone in our schools has a talent that they are willing to share and all training costs are kept to a minimum. Training takes place in our training centre or it can travel with our new CPD2U initiative proving very popular with schools in remote areas or where lots of people from the same school would benefit from the training.

Need some support, with over 65 schools in our alliance, we have an abundance of talented individuals and teams who may be able to help.

Have an idea for a research project but don't have the funds to get it off the ground, we may be able to offer some financial backing for this in return for some spin off training for others once the project has some findings or strategies to share.

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How can we help?

Contact us cta@olchs.lancs.sch.uk
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Very thought provoking. Excellent training, thoroughly enjoyed it.

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