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Professional Development Opportunities from the


The **ASPIRER** Teaching Alliance

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The Aspirer Teaching Alliance (a National Research School)
Part of the Aspire Educational Trust

ALL OF OUR COURSES ARE RUN AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE COST AND NOT FOR PROFIT.

Our aim is to identify and co-ordinate expertise from across our alliance, using exemplary teachers and leaders to provide high quality training and leadership development for staff across the local area, in order to support the achievement of excellent learner outcomes.

Research2Teaching

The Aspirer Teaching Alliance/Research School Research2Teaching Seminars aim to provide an opportunity for educational researchers to share their work and explore the practicalities of translating their findings into effective strategies for the classroom.

The seminars are free to attend, open to all colleagues within school and refreshments are provided. Seminars usually run from 4pm – 5pm with the opportunity for questions afterwards.

We have regular seminars with fantastic speakers on a wide range of subjects so keep an eye on our website for updates:

www.aspirerresearchteachingalliance.co.uk

Please book your place by emailing rswann@aet.cheshire.sch.uk

Research and Development Opportunities



The Aspirer Teaching Alliance was one of the first five National Research Schools designated by the IEE/EEF therefore, there are always opportunities to become involved with research and development studies and trials through The Aspirer Teaching Alliance/Research School.

Our website is regularly updated so for the latest information please visit **www.aspirerresearchteachingalliance.co.uk** or **aspirer.researchschool.org.uk** or contact Megan Dixon, Director of Research School and Jo Ashcroft, Director of Education jashcroft@aet.cheshire.sch.uk.

Having Courageous Conversations

Nina Zissler, HR Manager at The Aspire Educational Trust is leading a course aimed at all Managers.

The short course will cover:

- *Managing difficult conversations
- *The importance of rapport and relationship building
- *Causes of conflict in the workplace
- *Managing conflict

Date: Tuesday 10th September 2019, 9.30 – 12.30pm

Venue: Ash Grove Academy, Belgrave Road, Macclesfield, SK11 7TF

Cost: £75+VAT per delegate; refreshments provided.

To book your place please complete the booking form at the back of this booklet and return it to Rachel rswann@aet.cheshire.sch.uk

Performance Management training

Nina Zissler, HR Manager at The Aspire Educational Trust is leading a course aimed at all persons responsible for Performance Management.

The short course will cover:

- *Why Performance Management is important
- *the process which needs to be included
- *target setting
- *how to conduct a good PM meeting
- *giving and receiving feedback

Date: Tuesday 24th September 2019, 9.30am – 12.30pm

Venue: Ash Grove Academy, Belgrave Road, Macclesfield, SK11 7TF

Cost: £75+VAT per delegate; refreshments provided.

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Managing Mental Health in the Workplace

Nina Zissler, HR Manager at The Aspire Educational Trust is leading a course aimed at all Managers and Supervisors.

The course will cover:

*What is mental health?

*What causes mental ill health?

*The conditions and symptoms of mental ill health.

*Key skills for managing mental health in the workplace, including how to listen, what to say and the types of interventions that work best.

Date: Tuesday 8th October 2019, 9.30 – 12.30pm

Venue: Ash Grove Academy, Belgrave Road, Macclesfield, SK11 7TF

Cost: £75+VAT per delegate; refreshments provided.

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Managing the Unmanageable

Nina Zissler, HR Manager at The Aspire Educational Trust is leading a course aimed at all Managers and Supervisors.

This course will cover:

This will be an interactive session to help delegates identify challenging behaviour, recognise the impact on individuals and the organisation and practice strategies to manage these effectively.

Date: Tuesday 15th October 2019, 9.30 -12.30pm

Venue: Ash Grove Academy, Belgrave Road, Macclesfield, SK11 7TF

Cost: £75+VAT per delegate; refreshments provided.

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NQT Support and Development Programme 2019-2020

The NQT Support and Development Programme is for newly qualified teachers. It provides high quality training, which is all based on the most up to date educational evidence and research, as well as providing individualised support throughout your NQT year (with the opportunity to tailor sessions to the needs of the group as well as networking and reflection time). There are six days, one each half term, and each day is structured into three sessions (a morning, and afternoon and a Research School twilight session). The sessions are delivered by outstanding leaders and teachers from across the Teaching School Alliance and the Research School Network (including NLEs, LLEs, SLEs and ELEs - Evidence Leads in Education)

The suggested focus for the whole cohort training is as follows:

	Session 1: 10.00-12.30	Session 2: 1.15-3.45pm	Twilight 4.00-5.00pm
Day 1 – 25/9/19			
NQT	Making the Most of your NQT Year / Metacognition	Memory / Assessment	Engaging With Evidence
Day 2 – 21/11/19			
NQT	Making Best Use of Teaching Assistants	Behaviour	Parental Engagement
Day 3 – 05/02/20			
NQT	Maths Bitesize – sessions 1 and 2	Literacy Bitesize – sessions 1 and 2	Science
Day 4 – 11/03/20			
NQT	Maths Bitesize – sessions 3 and 4	Literacy Bitesize – sessions 3 and 4	Digital Technologies
Day 5 – 21/05/19			
NQT	Feedback	Feedback / Interventions and Support Health Check	Primary Social and Emotional Learning
Day 6 – 03/07/20			
NQT	Wider Curriculum Planning for Impact	1.00-2.00pm Preparing for your RQT Year	Celebration

All sessions will be held in the Training Centre at Ash Grove Academy, Macclesfield.

The cost for the programme is £600+VAT (including all six development days and support via email/telephone in between development days).

To Book: please complete the booking form at the back of this booklet and return it to Rachel rswann@aet.cheshire.sch.uk

RQT Support and Development Programme 2019-2020

The RQT Support and Development Programme is for recently qualified teachers (generally those in their second to fourth year of teaching). It provides high quality training, which is all based on the most up to date educational evidence and research, as well as providing individualised support, with the opportunity to tailor sessions to the needs of the group as well as networking and reflection time. The sessions provide a balance of preparing teachers to be outstanding classroom teachers as well as an outstanding subject leader. There are five days and each day is structured into three sessions (a morning, and afternoon and a Research School twilight session). The sessions are delivered by outstanding leaders and teachers from across the Teaching School Alliance and the Research School Network (including NLEs, LLEs, SLEs and ELEs - Evidence Leads in Education).

The suggested focus for the whole cohort training is as follows:

	Session 1: 10.00-12.30	Session 2: 1.15-3.45pm	Twilight 4.00-5.00pm
Day 1 – 25/9/19 – Parkroyal Community School, Macclesfield SK11 6QX			
RQT	Implementation Matters for Subject Leadership		Engaging With Evidence
Day 2 – 21/11/19 – Ash Grove Academy, Macclesfield SK11 7TF			
RQT	Making Best Use of Teaching Assistants	Behaviour	Parental Engagement
Day 3 – 11/03/20 - Parkroyal Community School, Macclesfield SK11 6QX			
RQT	Leading Learning	Incremental Coaching	Digital Technologies
Day 4 – 21/05/19 – Ash Grove Academy, Macclesfield SK11 7TF			
RQT	Feedback	Feedback / Interventions and Support Health Check	Primary Social and Emotional Learning
Day 5 – 03/07/20– Ash Grove Academy, Macclesfield SK11 7TF			
RQT	Incremental Coaching	1.00-2.00pm Incremental Coaching	Celebration

Please note: All Twilight sessions take place from 4.00 – 5.00pm at Ash Grove Academy (1.7 miles from Parkroyal)

The cost for the programme is £500+VAT (including all three development days and support via email/telephone in between development days).

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New to Headship

This programme has been designed to support new headteachers in becoming outstanding leaders. It will give you some essential time away from school to reflect on your new role in an encouraging and supportive environment.

By using the knowledge and experience of the course facilitator and by providing an opportunity to network with other new heads, the course will enable you to share some of the main issues and challenges of headship. Participants will develop a clear idea of how to shape their work to make a greater impact whilst also having a work-life balance; learning to manage the 'stuff' so you can focus on leading.

Following an initial half day session, there will be opportunity to work collaboratively with other headteachers new to post on areas of school improvement which are important for your school. The course will illustrate the benefits of effective networking and begin to build crucial external relationships for you, whilst also signposting various sources of help and support.

Dates: The initial Session will be held on Wednesday 2nd October 2019, 9.30am – 12 noon at Ash Grove Academy, Belgrave Road, Macclesfield, SK11 7TF

There will be a ½ day follow up session each term: dates to be agreed by participants during the initial session.

Cost: £500+VAT per delegate for the whole year; refreshments provided.

Course Leaders: Helen Scott, NLE and Deputy CEO of The Aspire Educational Trust,

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Opening Doors to a Richer English Curriculum with Bob Cox and Leah Crawford

Celebrating the launch of the third Opening Doors series of books, Bob and Leah will share techniques for using classic literature to challenge all children. Ideas will include cross-curricular study opportunities and encouraging discussion and creative approaches to literary classics. They will work with you on an exciting journey using all kinds of quality reading – picture books, children’s fiction and literary classics – to stimulate quality writing. There are now thousands of schools using the Opening Doors strategies to go deeper with all children.

During the course, you will:

- explore the principles of challenging English
- encounter fresh approaches to include all learners in harder texts and more ambitious English work
- be given the resources needed to go in new, exciting directions
- track the journey from quality text to quality writing via case studies, modelling and examples of pupils' work
- discuss wider reading continuity and progression and a richer 'diet' for English
- deepen your understanding of how spelling, punctuation and grammar can be taught in the context of exciting writing journeys
- build your confidence to use challenging texts and make it fun!

All delegates will receive a copy of the newly published texts. Across the two books there are 30 units of work to signpost the way to mastery English.

Great writers provide the inspiration and great teachers provide the access.

“All Bob’s books should be in every school and used.” 16th April 2017 Pie Corbett – teacher, author, storyteller and developer of Talk4Writing (Comments placed on twitter)

Dates KS1: Day 1 Monday 21st October 2019, 9.15am – 3.30pm
Day 2 Tuesday 21st January 2020, 9.15am – 3.30pm
Day 3 Monday 16th March 2020, 9.15 – 3.30pm
(Delegates need to attend all three days)

Dates KS2: Day 1 Tuesday 22nd October 2019, 9.15am – 3.30pm
Day 2 Wednesday 22nd January 2020, 9.15am – 3.30pm
Day 3 Tuesday 17th March 2020, 9.15 – 3.30pm
(Delegates need to attend all three days)



Venue: Ash Grove Academy, Belgrave Road, Macclesfield, SK11 7TF

Course Leaders: Bob Cox BA, MA (Ed), Director of ‘Searching for Excellence’ and winner of the 2017 Educational Resources Award for The Opening Doors to Quality Writing series, and Leah Crawford, BA, MA (Ed) ‘Opening Doors’ Consultant and Let’s Think in English Tutor

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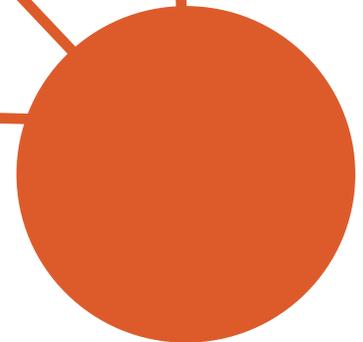
EEF Guidance Report Twilights

A taster opportunity to walk through the Education Endowment Foundation Guidance reports and begin to explore the implications for teaching and learning in school. The guidance reports contain clear and actionable recommendations for teachers on a range of high-priority issues, based on the best available evidence. Each session will focus on a different report, examining the core strands and some of the challenges they present to leaders and teachers.



Education
Endowment
Foundation

- Wednesday 25th September: Engaging with evidence
- Thursday 21st November: Parental Engagement
- Wednesday 5th February : Science
- Wednesday 11th March: Digital Technology
- Thursday 21st May: Primary social and emotional learning



Costings

Completely free to attend, everyone welcome, refreshments provided. *A charge of £25 will be made if you book a place and fail to attend.*

Venue

Ash Grove Academy,
Belgrave Road,
Macclesfield,
Cheshire, SK11 7TF

Times

All sessions will take place from 4 – 5pm

To Book

Please email Rachel
rswann@aet.cheshire.sch.uk

Implementation counts! An Aspiring Leaders Course

Are you ready for a new challenge and thinking about how to develop your career? Are you ready to gain insight into the way schools are led and managed?

Aspirer Teaching Alliance is excited to offer this 3-day course which will support you as you explore and reflect on leadership styles, highlight the importance of key differences between leadership and management and vision and values, and learn about change management.

The course is also designed to support you to plan and execute a key change in school while reflecting on all you have learnt during your time on the course. It will develop your ideas about leadership and what it takes to become an outstanding school leader, and will support you with a project in your own setting whilst developing your own leadership skills enabling you to see what this looks like from a strategic point of view to ensure the very best outcomes for the children in your care.

Dates: **Day 1:** 13th November 2019 9.30am – 3.30pm(ish)
 Day 2: 4th March 2020, 9.30am – 3.30pm(ish)
 Day 3: 8th July 2020, 9.30am – 3.30pm(ish)

Venue: Ash Grove Academy, Belgrave Road, Macclesfield SK11 7TF

Cost: £375+vat per delegate. Lunch and refreshments included.

Course Leader: Lisa Finnegan, LLE and Principal of Ash Grove Academy .

To Book: please complete the booking form at the back of this booklet and return it to Rachel rswann@aet.cheshire.sch.uk

Helicopter Stories

The Helicopter Technique...

- Develops confidence, curiosity, concentration and communication skills in all children regardless of ability
- Increases turn taking, attention span, speaking and listening skills and awareness of written language
- Demonstrates spectacular and measurable gains in spoken narrative and language development skills even for pupils with SEN or EAL
- Provides practitioners with evidence of children's progress in language and communication

Helicopter Starter Training includes an introduction to Storytelling and Story Acting and the practical application, and is suitable for anyone engaged with working with children between the ages of 18 months-7 years old, including Early Years and Foundation Stage practitioners, speech and language specialists, SENCO's, Childminders, teaching assistants, playgroup staff and students.

Date: Wednesday 9th October 2019, 9.15am – 3.15(ish)pm **Venue:** Ash Grove Academy, Belgrave Road, Macclesfield, SK11 7TF

OR

Date: Wednesday 5th February 2020, 9.15am – 3.15(ish)pm **Venue:** Underwood West Academy, Newcastle Street, Crewe CW1 3LF

OR

Date: Friday 17th June 2020, 9.15am – 3.15(ish)pm **Venue:** Wilbraham Primary School, Platt Lane, Fallowfield, Manchester M14 7FB

Cost: £150+VAT per delegate plus £25 for the resource books needed to deliver the training; lunch and refreshments provided.

Course Leader: Sally Veale, Specialist Leader in Education and accredited Helicopter trainer.

To Book: please complete the booking form at the back of this booklet and return it to Rachel rswann@aet.cheshire.sch.uk



NQT Registration with an Appropriate Body

The Aspirer Teaching Alliance is an Appropriate Body for the Professional Induction of Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs).

The appointment of an Appropriate Body is a statutory requirement for the induction period of NQTs and the Appropriate Body makes the final decision as to whether an NQT has met the Teachers' Standards on the recommendation of the Headteacher/Principal.

This service is built around the three main responsibilities of administration, quality assurance and supporting & monitoring. It is the responsibility of schools to ensure that they commit appropriate resources to the induction of NQTs. It is the responsibility of the Appropriate Body to ensure quality of this induction provision.

Our current NQT Package consists of:

- Registration and monitoring the progress of NQTs and report to the National College for Teaching and Learning
- Making decisions on the outcome of statutory induction for NQTs
- Giving advice where NQTs are at risk of failure and advising on appropriate support packages for the NQT
- Providing advice and guidance on the induction of NQTs for Headteachers/Principals, Induction Tutors and NQTs

The cost is £250+VAT for the first NQT and £200+VAT for each additional NQT.

Newly Qualified Teacher Registration Form

School:	School Establishment No:
NQT's Full Name:	
NQT's Date of Birth:	
Teacher Ref. Number (e.g. 09/12345):	
NQT's Email:	

NQT's Induction Tutor:
Induction Tutor's Email Address:
Statutory Induction start date in your school:
Type of contract e.g. temporary/fixed term:
Contract end date if known:
If the NQT only works part time, please state the FTE:
If the NQT is undertaking induction in more than one school, please name the schools where the NQT is teaching and confirm which is the 'lead school':
If the NQT has completed a period of statutory induction prior to joining your school, please state where and when:
Date when NQT achieved Qualified Teacher status (month and year)
Please confirm that the NQT's Qualified Teacher Status has been checked. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Age group taught:
Subject Specialism:

Headteachers Declaration:	
This school is able to provide the monitoring and support needed to prepare the NQT to meet the requirements for the satisfactory completion of the induction period. (Please refer to guidance DCSF-00364-2008)	
Signed:	(Headteacher) Date:

Please return this form within two weeks of an NQT starting in your school. Thank you.

Please send the completed form to: Rachel Swann The Aspirer Teaching Alliance The Wilmslow Academy Handforth Road Wilmslow SK9 2LX	Tel: 01625 383333 Email: rswann@aet.cheshire.sch.uk
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C/O The Wilmslow Academy
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CPD Booking Form

Name of person making the booking:	
Course Title:	
Number of places required:	
School/Organisation name:	
Full names of delegate(s)	
Email address of delegate(s) (will be used for pre-course information only and will NEVER be shared)	
Special Dietary Requirements (only required for full-day courses):	
Purchase Order Number for invoice:	
Email or postal address for invoice:	
<p>Cancellation Policy: Cancellation of a booking must be received in writing at least 10 working days prior to the course start date, otherwise the following costs will be incurred: 50% of the course fee will be payable for cancellations received between 10 & 6 working days prior to the course date, with 100% of the fee being payable for cancellations received later or for non-attendance. Substitutions are welcome at any time.</p>	

Please complete the required information and return to the email address above. You will receive an email confirmation of your place on the course, many thanks.