



TRAIN TO TEACH WITH LINCOLNSHIRE TEACHING SCHOOL ALLIANCE SCITT

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WELCOME TO OUR MID-YEAR NEWSLETTER

Our current trainees are almost half way through their training year and the majority are increasing the variety of their school experience through their second school placements.

We currently have 54 mentors across the county studying on the online Mentor Enhancement course accredited by Sheffield Hallam University; this course will run for the whole of the academic year so please get in touch if you would still like to take part.

Recruitment for next year is well underway, please share information about LTSA SCITT with any prospective trainees, we would be very happy to meet and support them.

It is currently a very exciting time in Initial Teacher Education with the publication of the new ITT Core Content Framework designed to dovetail with the Early Career Framework; we are enjoying working with our primary and secondary partners on its design and delivery. Consultation around the new ITE Ofsted Inspection Framework is also taking place over the next three months.

We welcome feedback on all aspects of the programme so please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have anything to ask or share.

With warm wishes

Sharon



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- SCITT TRAINEE BLOG
- MENTOR SURVEY
- MEETING WITH DFE

HEADS UP ON TRAINING:

Primary trainees have had an exciting start to the year with training on science and building a creative curriculum. We hope they will be using their questioning grids to enable them to extend thinking and support deeper learning with children. A practical tip was that these grids could be reduced in size to fit on the back of a lanyard. Thanks to Ling Moor, Welton St Mary's and Connect TSA for leading such inspiring training. Training over the next few weeks includes Phonics, EAL, PE, EYFS and English 2.

Secondary trainees have enjoyed a collaborative and enthusiastic start to their year. It is excellent to see how well they work together in teams, sharing ideas and supporting one another in every aspect along their learning journey. Highlights of the year so far include:

- An overwhelmingly positive response to the joint Primary and Secondary training day with Robin Launder. Trainees found both the behaviour and memory based sessions fascinating.
- Total absorption during a session delivered by Vicky Hall, AHT Priory Witham Academy – dynamic behaviour based training with super signposting to 'The Chimp Paradox' – a fascinating read!
- Collaborative approach to ICT development, which included trainees very successfully delivering peer support sessions based on Excel – more to come on use of interactive whiteboard software
- Christmas reflections including a team Christmas cracker pull!
- A highly engaging and insightful EAL session delivered by a colleague from Boston Haven High, Pedro De Almedia Jarnalo.



MEETING WITH DfE

A meeting was recently held between the core SCITT team and a representative from the DfE to consider workload in ITT. This was a productive day which built on DfE advice and recommendations for improving workload for trainees. 'Addressing teacher workload in initial teacher education.' [Please click here to read the article.](#)

LTSA SCITT is currently recruiting for our September 2020 intake. We are in the process of interviewing for both Primary and Secondary training places. Our partnership schools are supporting the process as well as offering work experience placements to enable candidates to make informed decisions about their career choices.

We are recruiting at a number of events over the next few weeks and look forward to seeing you there! Please pass on this information to anyone you know who may be thinking about applying for teacher training, and like us on Facebook and [Twitter](#)

TRAINEES TELL US ABOUT THEIR TRAINING JOURNEY:

[Follow the link](#) to our trainee blogs where they share with us the highlights of the year so far...

Primary (Tom): Well, what can I say about this year so far? It's been a great start to my journey and I feel like I have already learned so much in this first term! Having gone back and forth on deciding whether to go for it and become a teacher, I can safely say this has been a great decision!

Secondary (Helen): A change of career, at your age?? After 25 years as an IT Consultant and Technical Trainer I decided that a change of career was just what I needed and that teaching children about a subject I love (Computer Science) was the way to go.

MENTOR SURVEY:

As mentors you have a significant part to play in the development of our trainees. Your views are really important to us. As we are half way through the year we will be undertaking a 'mentor survey' for our own mid-year evaluation. The link will be sent to you on 3 February ; please complete by 10 February. We will use this information to review our provision for mentors.

The free online mentor enhancement course is open to all! 54 mentors have already signed up. If you would like to join them please contact us.

SHARING ITT CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AT NASBTT:

The new ITT Core Content for implementation from September 2020 has recently been published. This is providing an excellent opportunity for us to further develop our training provision and will also support next year's trainees for the introduction of the Early Career Framework in September 2021. Leann Lynch, who is working with the primary programme this year, was invited to speak about our work to delegates at a recent NASBTT (National Association of School Based Teacher Training) conference.

Last year we presented our work on Evidence Bundles at a NASBTT event. As a provider of ITT we work closely with NASBTT; last year we were asked to present our work on evidence bundles to delegates from a variety of SCITT providers.

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