



Newsletter April 2020

We continue to work in 'unprecedented times', working in ways both extraordinary and innovative. Working on site and remotely. Everything is changing constantly and we are adopting new ways and new ideas and adapting so quickly. All our schools where they may appear 'closed' remain open. Many schools are open welcoming children from vulnerable families, keyworker families, young people with special needs and to children from families supporting our communities. **Thank you to you all.** Those words will never be enough but you are all amazing. TTA will continue to work and support all our schools. Please contact me if you feel I can help in any way.

I will continue to promote our schools to attract new Teachers of the future. To look at what we can do now and when, in the not too distant future, I hope, life and education will return to some kind of normality. We have had enquiries but with so much uncertainty around jobs understandably commitment to a new career is difficult at this time. But appreciation of teaching and Teachers has never been higher! I hope we will see a real change in understanding just what a brilliant job our Heads, Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Learning Mentors, Support Workers, Administrators, Governors, School Managers, Catering crews, Caretakers, Site Assistants and anyone else who works with us and supports our schools does!

I have confirmed with you all the new date for the Conference **Thursday, 25th March and Friday, 26th March 2021**. More details will come out to schools when available. I am looking at Speakers now so if any of you have any recommendations or would like to hear from a particular Speaker please contact me.

COMMUNITY LINKS

In response to the COVID 19 emergency Tandridge District Council have a pool of volunteers at the ready should you need them and if new demands emerge. Please contact:

Lynne Martin

Manager : Tandridge Voluntary Action

Telephone: Mobile: 07926 564188 / 07512 269214

Email manager@tva.org.uk

Funding support for your activities - Tandridge District Council Parish Council Financial Assistance (see attached) - a loan or grant for Parish Councils to apply for, to support local activities that are helping communities affected by the Covid-19 outbreak. Please talk to your Parish Council reps to explore this for your area.

Other funds worth exploring -

<https://www.dsc.org.uk/content/coronavirus-funding-updates/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/coronavirus-charity-funding-announcements-ian-mclintock/>

<https://charitybank.org/news/covid-19-emergency-funding-for-charities-and-social-sector-organisations>

<https://home.barclays/news/press-releases/2020/04/barclays-launches-p100-million-covid-19-community-aid-package/>

<https://www.cafonline.org/charities/grantmaking/caf-coronavirus-emergency-fund>

<https://www.nisalocally.co.uk/community/make-a-difference-locally>

<https://grants.youthmusic.org.uk/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

Caterham and Chaldon Hardship Fund, set up by Chaldon Cares, offers one-off donations of up to £200 to help struggling residents get through the next few weeks. Residents who would like access to the fund need to complete a short application, available by e-mailing chaldonhardship@gmail.com or by calling 01883 336631.

Single parent families support fund from Oxted Rotary Club, details attached.

Coronavirus Mental Health Response Fund (CMHRF) for voluntary sector mental health providers. Measures to limit virus spread are impacting negatively on people's mental health, particularly those who depend on formal and informal networks to support their mental wellbeing.

Voluntary sector organisations who provide mental health services in communities across the country are well placed to offer this additional support, but need extra resources so expand their services, which are increasingly overstretched. Mind is administering a £5m grant fund in partnership with other leading mental health providers in England.

From 16 April 2020 voluntary sector, mental health organisations in England can apply for grants to help them provide additional coronavirus support. You can find out more about the fund and how to apply on both the [Association of Mental Health Providers website](#) and the Mind [website](#)

I have also attached information from other providers who may be able to help your families and local communities in these extraordinary times. I have asked all local groups working in the Tandridge area and surrounding areas to send me details to distribute to you as appropriate.

I am working as normal albeit based in a more rural location but please do contact me through using the usual email s.davison@ttatraining.co.uk or by using my mobile 07789918897.

Please take care, stay safe and just continue to be brilliant. Perhaps we will meet soon in virtual meetings and other such magical ways!!

Best wishes

Sarah Davison

Director, Tandridge Teaching Alliance

INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING IN TANDRIDGE - information for our TTA Schools

Our TTA website is filled with loads of information, dates and support offers. We are now recruiting for 2020. If you have any enquiries please contact us on info@ttatraining.co.uk. www.ttatraining.co.uk

The **Tandridge Teaching Alliance** strives to deliver outstanding initial teacher training. Our vision is to enable local schools to recruit NQTs of the highest calibre who have a solid foundation for their practice because of the quality of training and mentoring we provide. The **Lead school** for **School Direct** is **St Mary's** who work in partnership with Canterbury Christ Church University, and the University of Brighton on recruitment, when selecting candidates for training. To work in partnership with us and to have a chance of placing any trainees we recruit, we would really like you to be able to commit to the following:

Promoting our TTA 'Get into Teaching' events and materials

- Please advertise in your newsletters
- Please put a link to the TTA ITT page from your school website
- Have our materials available for your parents and staff
- Send people in our direction who express an interest
- Perhaps you could host an event in your own school



Pre training experiences

- Provide pre-training experience to potential trainees which could be either as a series of days or in a block of one or two weeks – this can be agreed directly with the potential trainee or arranged collaboratively and brokered by TTA.

School placements

- Identify teachers who are successful classroom practitioners willing to act as **Mentors** and
- Release Mentors for sufficient time in order to attend appropriate training and undertake their tasks in supporting the student
 - Mentors will need to carry out observations and mentor meetings weekly
 - Mentors will liaise with link tutors
- Identify **class teachers** who are successful classroom practitioners and would be willing to support a trainee in the class (this can be additional to the mentor)
- Liaise with the lead school in order to arrange second placements

Schools can of course host initial trainees through various other routes:

- SCITT salaried placements
- SCITT non-salaried placements
- PGCE via universities

These trainees can access any additional training we provide for our School Direct trainees

Entry Requirements

Age

Applicants must be aged 18 or over

Minimum Qualifications

- UK university degree or recognised equivalent of 2:2 and above.
- 5 GCSE awards at grade C/4 or above in English, Mathematics and Science.
- Show that you can communicate effectively in both spoken and written standard English.
- If accepted, obtain an enhanced DBS disclosure and any other required clearances and complete DfE provisional registration requirements.
- Meet the requirements for physical and mental fitness to teach.
- All prospective teachers are expected to be competent in the Fundamental Skills for English and mathematics.

Work Experience

Applicants are encouraged to spend time working in schools before applying but this is not a requirement. This enables them to get a valuable insight into the role of a class teacher and to use this experience to support their application. We are happy to arrange work experience at any of our alliance schools for students who are interested, please contact us.

How we select our trainees

Trainees will be selected based on having the right aptitude and attitude for the role of a teacher. Some great qualities to have include:

- A passion for teaching
- A natural ability/affinity with children
- Understanding of the role of a school in a child's life
- A strong work ethic
- Good organisation
- Understanding that being a great teacher means continuously striving to evolve and learn