



## Newsletter June 2020

We welcome a new way of working for us all as our schools slowly wake up, and start to welcome more and more of their children. Although we have continued to work in ways both extraordinary and innovative, probably the most difficult aspect for us, as schools, is the constant changing aspects of this virus and relevant demands. Our schools are having to embrace and tackle so many changes and needs head on. This terrible virus has ripped through our communities and changed us all, and the way we work, probably for ever. But we are strong and we are here to ensure our children can still be children and we can continue to educate them and support them, their families and our communities.

**Thank you so, so much to all Tandridge Schools who have worked so hard to support all their families and communities in many different ways.**

I am now focused very much on the future. The TTA will be putting in place an **Alliance Day on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. I am not 100% what the offer will look like but we do know that this year we will be holding an Arts Alliance Day. We will have a full and exciting offer for all our schools. Due to current and expected restrictions this may look very different from previous years but we are working hard to ensure that it will be every bit as informative and relevant. Schools may be asked to be hosts for one of the sessions and then we will have the option to use multi-media to allow access for all schools. This will be, as always, a subsidised and supported offer of exciting CPD for our schools.

I know I have already confirmed with you all the new date for the TTA Leadership Conference which is **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> March and Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

We have continued to have interest around our **teaching school offer**. Please do forward any queries around teaching directly to me. We are still working with our universities and partner schools to bring new Teachers to Tandridge. I have attached relevant information for the 2020-21 offer to this newsletter.

Our **NQT offer** went out to all schools a couple of weeks ago. **South Farnham Teaching School** acts as the Appropriate Body for the NQTs in TTA. We would be delighted to have your NQT join the NQT Programme and to begin the registration process, please complete the attached form and return to Naomi Blake at SSFTS, [nblake@sfet.org.uk](mailto:nblake@sfet.org.uk)

I have also attached the information leaflet which will give you an overview of the programme. There you will see that the offer includes a first initial session for mentors and tutors for free and then also have two additional sessions aimed for those who are new to the role (Observing your NQT and give effective feedback and Assessing your NQT against the Teachers' Standards). These are at an additional cost of £75 per person and we will be sending out the booking form in the next few weeks. This offer is already proving very popular with our schools. Much of the training is provided at a local venue so full accessible for all schools.

Please let me know if you have a **CPD requirement** for your school. We hold a large database of suppliers and providers and can put you in touch with recommended and highly regarded bespoke trainers. Alternatively

we can put in place a training session for your school whether it is on line or in person recognising social distancing requirements.

## RELATIONSHIPS, SEX AND HEALTH EDUCATION (RSHE) IN PRIMARY EDUCATION **free** TRAINING, RESOURCES AND SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS COMMISSIONED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION



Are you ready for RSHE statutory changes for September 2020? Relationships and Health Education will be compulsory for all primary school age pupils from this September. Register now to receive **FREE** Department for Education training and resources for your school and community. Please find attached flyers from the lead trainers for the RSHE training programme.

### 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](mailto: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>

**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 continue to work as normal albeit based at home but please do contact me through using the usual email [s.davison@ttatraining.co.uk](mailto:s.davison@ttatraining.co.uk) or by using my mobile **07789918897**. I have unfortunately broken my foot whilst in lockdown but I am fully on the mend however, will remain housebound for the next two/ three weeks at least.

Please take care and stay safe. Good luck to you all as you continue to open up your schools further over the coming weeks. I will be thinking of you all.

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 2020/21. If you have any enquiries please contact us on [info@ttatraining.co.uk](mailto:info@ttatraining.co.uk). [www.ttatraining.co.uk](http://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