



## **Bishop Rawstone Teaching School Alliance Newsletter**

Welcome to this term's edition of the Bishop Rawstone teaching school newsletter which we hope will provide a quick overview of what we are doing and how we can collaborate in a number of key areas.

You may be aware that with the changes to assessment and the disappearance of levels, we are facing challenging times in preparing for the demands of the new National Curriculum. As a Teaching School, we have received funding to work on an [assessment project](#) that will involve a number of schools both locally, regionally and nationally. This is an exciting new opportunity for schools in the North West to take a lead on providing local solutions to changes in assessment. We will be trialing a number of systems and exploring ways we can assess, track and report without relying solely on the use of levels. A report will be published in July with the findings of the projects taking place across the country and we can share these ideas with partner schools. If anyone in your school is working on assessment and would like to know more about the ideas we are trialing, please contact Caroline Lane, [clane@bishopr.co.uk](mailto:clane@bishopr.co.uk)

We're also interested in recruiting [SLEs](#) (Specialist Leaders in Education) to be deployed in school to school support and are particularly looking for colleagues in science, maths, English, ICT and PE. In addition, we are looking to recruit colleagues from across all subject areas in order to deliver Subject Knowledge Enhancement days to trainee teachers starting in September. The next recruitment round will open on **5 May** and close on **23 May**. If there are colleagues within your school who are interested in this CPD opportunity, please contact Karen Parker, [kparker@bishopr.co.uk](mailto:kparker@bishopr.co.uk)

On the 27<sup>th</sup> March at The Queen Katherine School in Kendal is the [BBCL conference](#). This half day event will once again bring system leaders together with partners from local authorities, the dioceses, NCTL and Ofsted. The focus will be to consider the progress made in developing system-led school improvement and to consider, collectively, the remaining challenges facing us all. The event will include national and regional updates and will feature the popular interactive round table good practice briefings from system leaders and partners. If you have any colleagues that would like to attend the event please contact [sinead.hope@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:sinead.hope@education.gsi.gov.uk) to reserve a place.

We are proud to announce that we have been accredited as a **SCITT** which means that along with our [School Direct](#) PGCE places, we have an additional twenty teacher training places

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available for September on our SCITT route. We will soon be speaking to partner schools about the flexibility this accreditation presents in how we organise our training programme and placements. We will also be asking schools for an indication of the places and subjects they will require in September. For more information on ITT places or NQT vacancies for September, please contact David Mason, [dmason@bishopr.co.uk](mailto:dmason@bishopr.co.uk).

Many of our associate teachers are securing posts at the moment but if any positions for NQTs arise in your school over the coming months, please let Nicky Dimmer know, [ndimmer@bishopr.co.uk](mailto:ndimmer@bishopr.co.uk) and she will advertise the jobs on the [vacancies](#) page on our Teaching School website.

Our [CPD programme](#) has been gathering strength this year as schools are taking advantage of a training programme we can offer across the alliance; it was good to see a number of our partner schools at the Paul Ginnis training day. A number of you have kindly offered to host colleagues from other schools at some of your in-house training events and we are hugely grateful for your contribution to the programme of free CPD activities that is now featured on our website. If there are colleagues who still wish to attend some of the sessions that are running throughout the rest of the year, please complete and return the online application form or contact Nicky Dimmer, [ndimmer@bishopr.co.uk](mailto:ndimmer@bishopr.co.uk). We hope that next year, we can offer an even greater variety of free sessions for colleagues across the region.

As part of our aim to identify and grow great leaders of the future, we would like to advise you of the [NPQML](#) and the [NPQSL](#) programmes. If you have colleagues who are seeking to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to be a highly effective middle or senior leaders, then please direct them to our website where they will find details of the programmes and the bursaries available.

As always, we really appreciate the feedback we get from our partner schools, so if you have any comments or views please continue to feed them through.

**Caroline Lane**

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