

UNITY TEACHING SCHOOL HUB

Values driven - High expectations of all - Relentless focus on learning



MARCH 2023: SPRING TERM UPDATE

As we reach the end of the spring term, the Unity Teaching School Hub team once again thank you for your support, engagement and involvement in our programmes. We wish you and your colleagues a refreshing, relaxing and happy Easter break.

UPDATE: EARLY CAREER TEACHER PROGRAMME

This term we enjoyed meeting our year 1 ECTs at their second conference where we explored aspects of adaptive teaching. We have also valued the opportunity for further twilight clinics with them, their mentors as well as our year 2 ECTs and their mentors. We really appreciate all that induction coordinators are providing and continue to support their work to secure the best conditions for the programme. Well done - thanks all!



NEXT TERM: WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO ...

- welcoming our year 1 Mentors to their second conference (4th or 5th July at Adastral Park)
- twilight clinic #3 for year 1 ECTs (w/c 26th June)
- final twilight clinic #6 for year 2 ECTs (w/c 15th May)
- continuing to support induction coordinators in securing the best conditions for the programme

Our ECT Programme Coordinator, Jo Francis will be in contact after Easter with details of these events and is only too pleased to support with further guidance – email: jfrancis@unitysp.co.uk phone: 07384 110668

FREE, WEEKLY RESOURCE: EVIDENCE SNACKS FROM PEPS MCCREA - [SUBSCRIBE HERE](#)

A weekly 5-minute read email for evidence hungry teachers, delivered every Thursday morning. Each contains an easily digestible 'big idea and a handful of little updates' to help keep up to speed with the latest thinking and research around effective teaching.



UPDATE: LEAD PROVIDER INSPECTION PROCESS

Ofsted is in the process of inspecting ECF lead providers. Our lead provider, Ambition Institute is yet to be inspected. When it does happen, and if we are one of the delivery partners selected to be part of the process, inspectors will speak to early ECTs, mentors, induction tutors and school leaders. We will, of course, keep you posted! [A recording of an update webinar Ofsted led earlier in the year is here.](#)



UPDATE: REGISTERING ECTs STARTING IN 23/24

The DfE anticipates that registration for ECTs and mentors on the DfE Portal will open at the start of July. We will keep you updated and do all we can in our control to make the process a smooth one!



This term our first groups completed their programmes and associated assessments. The commitment, dedication and insights shown throughout the programmes, but especially in this final phase has been inspiring. Well done all involved.

At the time of writing, assessments have been completed for specialist programmes (NPQLT, NPQLTD, NPQLBC) and our NPQSL and NPQH participants complete their case study assessment early next term.

After Easter we share registration details for the full funded Autumn '23 starting NPQ programmes. Additional payments are also available for schools with less than 600 pupils to help support their teachers and leaders to undertake NPQs – a grant payment of £200/participant enrolling on an NPQ.

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...*inspirational and purposeful, enjoyable and thought-provoking.*

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The course material is *utterly brilliant. Such high quality and carefully crafted.*



A REMINDER OF THE FULL NPQ SUITE

BROADEN YOUR CLASSROOM EXPERTISE WITH SPECIALIST NPQS (12 MONTH PROGRAMME)

- [Leading teacher development](#) - learn how to support teachers in your school to expand their skills
- [Leading teaching](#) - learn how to lead the teaching and learning of a subject, year group or phase
- [Leading behaviour and culture](#) - learn how to create a culture of good behaviour and high expectations in which staff and pupils can thrive
- [Leading literacy](#) - learn how to effectively teach and promote literacy across the whole school, year group, key stage or phase

BOOST YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND CONFIDENCE WITH LEADERSHIP NPQS (18 MONTH PROGRAMME)

- [Senior leadership](#) - develop your leadership knowledge and expertise to improve outcomes for teachers and pupils in your school
- [Headship](#) - develop the knowledge that underpins expert school leadership and apply it to become an outstanding headteacher
- [Executive leadership](#) - develop the expertise you need to become an outstanding executive leader, leading change and improvement across your group of schools or multi-academy trust
- [Early years leadership](#) - develop expertise in leading high-quality early years education and care, as well as effective staff and organisational management

Should you have any questions about applying for a fully-funded NPQ with Unity Teaching School Hub please do not hesitate to contact Helen Main (hmain@unitysp.co.uk)

UPDATE: UNITY TSH APPROPRIATE BODY



Our Appropriate Body (AB) service sees us working with over 260 ECTs in support of their statutory induction. Celia Moore, our AB Lead supports schools using our service and will continue to guide those registering new ECTs employed in the coming terms. Find out more about our AB service via our [website](#).

We continue to work closely with schools across our area who have year 1 ECTs registered with Suffolk LA AB in order to support their transition from LA to TSH provision by September '23.

If you have any questions or wish to register new ECTs with Unity TSH AB, contact the Unity TSH AB Lead Celia Moore (cmoore@unitysp.co.uk)

UPDATE: INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING



The [initial teacher training providers within our area](#) continue to recruit for '23/24 trainees. Placements in schools are a vital element within successful initial teacher training. If your school is able to consider providing placements during 23/24, please contact Helen Main (hmain@unitysp.co.uk) who will be very pleased to link you to providers.



RESOURCE: NEW RESEARCH PAPER FROM AMBITION INSTITUTE – MODELLING EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE

Read the summary for educators [here](#), or download the full paper [here](#).



UPDATE: NFER ON CHALLENGING CONTEXT OF RECRUITMENT

[This recent NFER report](#) draws summary from their [Teacher Labour Market in England Annual Report 2023](#) and underlines the importance of doing all we can to support local and area wide recruitment such as linking those interested in a career in teaching to ITT providers, supporting ITT providers with placement opportunities in the year ahead, providing school experience days promoted by the DfE.



UPDATE: WIDER CPD FROM UNITY TSH



JOIN THE PROGRAMME:

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR FREE](#) for the final two sessions in our 'Mental Health Matters' twilight webinar series with Dr Beth Mosley and colleagues from the Suffolk Psychology in Schools Team:

Monday 24th April: helping pupils grow resilience

Monday 22nd May: supporting pupils experiencing anxiety

Target audience: TAs, teachers and leaders

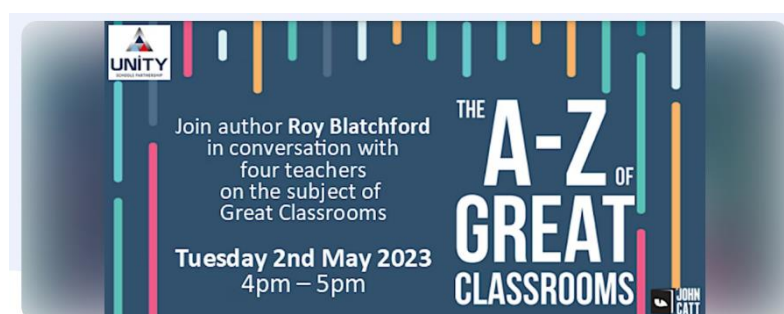


JOIN US FOR A BOOK LAUNCH:

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR FREE](#) to join us as we celebrate the latest release from Roy Blatchford CBE, **The A-Z of Great Classrooms**

Tuesday 2nd May, 4-5pm

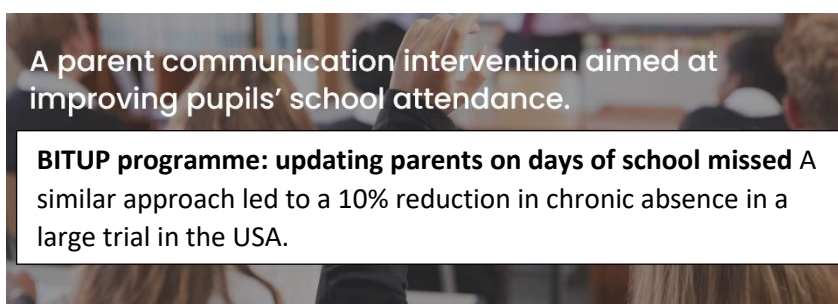
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TAKE PART IN AN EEF/YEF TRIAL:

Are you a mainstream state-funded secondary / all-through school?

Access an evidence-informed intervention that could improve school attendance. Spaces are limited. Don't miss out. Find out more, book a call or sign up [HERE](#).



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Download the FREE Action for Happiness app for iOS or Android

- > Gives you friendly nudges with an action idea each day
- > Sends you inspiring messages to give you a boost
- > Helps you connect & share ideas with like-minded people



Make time for yourself

Be kind to yourself

[DOWNLOAD THE FREE APP HERE](#)

Receive friendly daily nudges

Take small actions every day

Feel the difference



Small daily actions for big positive changes

We all want to look after our mental wellbeing, but this can be hard to do - especially in challenging times. This program helps you learn simple daily actions which are proven to give you a boost and help you feel happier.

10 Days of Happiness

Free online program to boost your wellbeing

[Join the Program](#)

#2

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My five tips to improve your sleep



Struggling with sleep? Try Michael Mosley's suggestions for relaxing and dropping off.

It's been a challenging and eventful term for everyone in the profession. We hope the Easter break offers a chance to rest, recuperate and reflect. Despite all that has had to be navigated over the term, you and your colleagues in schools across the area and wider region are making a difference every single day - never doubt that.

Wishing you all a peaceful Easter from the team at Unity Teaching School Hub

