

## NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2015

### Welcome to our NEWSLETTER,

*we thought it would be a good time to circulate some news and updated information to share with you all regarding our activities at the Fylde Coast Teaching School (FCTS). We have constant focus on the BIG 6 – **Initial teacher training, Continuing professional development, Supporting other schools, Identifying & developing leadership potential, Specialist leaders of education and Research & Development.***

*We would like to take the opportunity to thank you all, Head Teachers, Senior Staff and SLEs for your hard work and key contribution to the FCTS's programme.*

### KEY DATES :

**10.02– SLE Conference,**  
@ Hodgson Academy

**10.02–Middle Leadership :** *Leading effective Teaching & Learning,*  
@ St Mary's Catholic Academy

**11.02–Implementation Team Meeting,** @ Hambleton Primary Academy

**11.02–Twilight session :**  
*Planning successful lessons for Primary Teachers,* @ Hambleton Primary Academy

**24.02–Developing Teaching & Learning :** *phase 2–Gateway to consistently good,* @Blackpool Sixth Form College

**25.02–Twilight session :**  
*How to provide effective marking and feedback,* @ Norbreck Primary Academy

**25.02–Twilight session :**  
*An introduction to Middle Leadership,* @ St. Mary's Catholic College

**26.02–Middle Leadership :**  
*Developing a Change Culture,*  
@ Hodgson Academy

**04.03–Twilight session :**  
Improving dialogue through effective quality assurance,  
@ Norbreck Primary Academy

**04.03–Twilight session :**  
Presentation Skills for pupils that improve attainment,  
@ Hodgson Academy

**04.03–Strategic Partnership Meeting,** @ Hambleton Primary Academy

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### UPDATES

**CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** the FCTS has developed an extensive programme of CPD for existing teachers across the Fylde Coast which has demonstrated its popularity with over 1000 enrolments this year to date. We are constantly updating and expanding our CPD programme.

The phase 2 "Gateway to Consistently Good" of our **Developing Teaching & Learning programme** takes place on the 24th of February. The aims of this programme is to develop new and exciting teaching techniques, to explore pedagogical approaches and embed differentiation in the classroom and last but not least to design lessons that are learner-centred and demonstrate their progress. If anyone wishes to attend please contact

The **Middle Leadership Short Course programme** is currently running with 3 sessions during February, one session in March and one in April. The remaining modules are developing *an Effective Team, Leading Effective Teaching & Learning, Developing Change Culture, Working Effectively with Data and Leading Effective Meetings & Action Planning.*

### Our Twilight sessions in February & beginning of March :

- *Planning successful lessons for Primary teachers*
- *How to provide effective marking & feedback for Primary Teachers*
- *An introduction to Middle Leadership*
- *Improving dialogue through effective quality assurance*
- *Presentation skills for pupils that improve attainment*

See exact dates for on the right hand side. We still have a few available places so please contact us for further information if your are interested.

## The journey of the FYLDE COAST TEACHING SCHOOL so far :

**Blackpool Sixth Form and Hodgson Academy** established a wider **strategic Alliance** and were awarded **Teaching School status in 2011**, one of the first 100 teaching schools, and unique in terms of a cross phase commitment from **primary, secondary, sixth form and special education**. The Teaching School has proven to be successful in supporting and driving up standards in 3 key schools in Blackpool and across the Fylde Coast.

The teaching schools' alliance strategic partners include :

Blackpool Sixth Form College, Garstang Community Academy, Hambleton Primary Academy, Highfurlong School, Hodgson Academy, St. Mary's Catholic Academy, University of Cumbria, Westcliff Primary School, Roseacre Primary Academy, Breck Primary School, Norbreck Primary Academy, Mereside Primary School, Millfield Science & Performing Arts College, St George's School, Lytham Hall Park Primary School



Our sponsored academies:

Blackpool Aspire Academy, Montgomery High School, Unity Academy Blackpool



## We have established visions and aims :

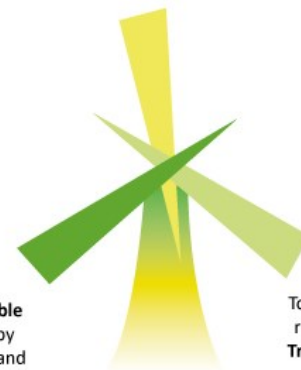
**Our moral imperative** is to ensure outstanding learning opportunities for all students on the Fylde Coast, in order to enhance life chances. The alliance will narrow the gap in achievement ensuring continuous improvement in standards of attainment.

**The Fylde Coast Teaching School Alliance** is committed to facilitating the highest standards of teaching, learning and assessment in each phase of learning.

**The Alliance** will ensure excellent professional development both for current practitioners and leaders and for future recruits to the profession and aspiring leaders.

**Through dynamic partnerships**, the Alliance will make a significant contribution to raising standards in all associated schools. We embrace change and will seek to challenge complacency, revitalising learning and ensuring success for all; those learning, teaching and leading. At all times we recognise and embrace a learning culture, constantly seeking to improve practice and outcomes in home organisations and across our community.

To generate and maintain momentum in educational **innovation** to secure **outstanding** practice in all phases of learning.



To ensure a **sustainable** educational model by developing teachers and **leaders** of the future.

To develop **professional** relationships based on **Trust, Transparency** and **High Aspirations**.

'Partnership to promote excellence in teaching, learning and leadership'.

## Our Initial Teacher Training programme :

The National College has confirmed FCTS as a provider of SCITT with 25 secondary trainee places for 2015/2016. We have already started recruiting to the areas of need within the Alliance, namely Mathematics, English, Computing, Humanities & Science (Biology, Chemistry & Physics.) The FCTS SCITT is the only Fylde Coast based accredited provider of QTS.

We will continue our successful cooperation with *School Direct course* with 8 primary trainee places for 2015/2016.

Our 11 current School Direct trainees have started their second school placements. They also attend training sessions at Blackpool Sixth Form College or at the University of Cumbria every Friday.

Here is a taster of what one of our trainees has experienced so far :



### Sarah Williams :

Being part of the Fylde Coast Teaching School Alliance has made a move far from home, in Scotland, a very positive one. I have met some wonderful, like-minded people who share my ambition to become an outstanding teaching professional. Passionate about working with children and fascinated by science, teaching is all I have ever wanted to do.

Choosing the School Direct route was definitely the best option for me. I knew that my placements would be local which is important when you have a young family. Furthermore, I train with only a small cohort of students in comparison to the University based PGCE so our professional development days are tailored specifically to us. The majority of my time is spent on school placement creating the most realistic working conditions and I already have responsibility for many of my own classes. There is a fantastic support network in place and the alliance is most reputable within all the placement schools. It is hard work, but the most rewarding experience and I believe I will go far in education having had the best start to my career with FCTSA.



## NATIONAL, LOCAL & SPECIALIST LEADERS

FCTS has an impressive number of educational leaders :

- 4 NLEs : Felicity Greeves, Sue Wilson, Tony Nicholson, Chris Lickiss
- 1 LLEs : Karen Mc Carter ,
- 2 NLGs : Alana Frith, John Boyle

## OUR SPECIALIST LEADERS OF EDUCATION 2015 :

<b>Academies</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Louise Shaw, Hambleton Primary Academy (P) Martin Pickles, Hodgson Academy (S)	Sarah Rainford, Blackpool Sixth Form College (S, SF)
<b>Business</b>	<b>CPD</b>
Maria Taylor, Breck Primary (P) Louise Shaw, Hambleton Primary Academy (P) Martin Pickles, Hodgson Academy (S) Sarah Rainford, Blackpool Sixth Form College (S, SF)	Lucinda Campbell, Blackpool Sixth Form College (S, SF)
<b>Current Development</b>	<b>DATA</b>
Lucinda Campbell, Blackpool Sixth Form College (S, SF)	Kay Brown, Norbreck Primary Academy (P) Justine Weaver, Ashton College (S)
<b>Design &amp; Technology</b>	<b>End of key stage</b>
Tom Kearns, Hodgson Academy (S)	Samantha Upton, Hambleton Primary Academy (P)
<b>English</b>	<b>Foundation Stage Early Years</b>
Amanda Morton, Montgomery High School (S) Estelle Bellamy, Blackpool Sixth Form College (S, SF) Brigitte Tingey, Hodgson Academy (S) Fiona Bate, Hodgson Academy (S) Kay Brown, Norbreck Primary Academy (P)	Caroline Boothroyd, Hawes Side Primary School (P) Holly Wood, Hambleton Primary Academy (P)
<b>Gifted/talented</b>	<b>Humanities</b>
Louisa Carter-Davies, Hodgson Academy (S)	Tracey Lowe, Blackpool Sixth Form College (S, SF)
<b>Information and communication technology</b>	<b>Initial Teacher Training</b>
Justine Weaver, Ashton College (S)	Sharon Skiffington, Montgomery High School (S)
<b>Leadership</b>	<b>Leadership</b>
Rosie Sycamore, Highfurlong School (P, S) Stephanie Benson, Blackpool Sixth Form College (SF) Toni Roethling, Hodgson Academy (S) Caroline Boothroyd, Hawes Side Primary School (P) Sarah Colbeck, Mereside Primary School (P)	Amanda Morton, Montgomery High School (S) Rebecca Bain, Blackpool Sixth Form College (S) Pete Davies, Hodgson Academy (P, S) Tim Freeman, Blackpool Sixth Form College (S, SF) Catherine Vance, Blackpool Sixth Form College (S, SF)
<b>Literacy</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>
Samantha Upton, Hambleton Primary Academy (P)	Amanda Stokes, Hambleton Primary Academy (P) Charlotte Marsden, Highfield Humanities College (S) Clare Montgomery, Montgomery High School (S) Peter Davies, Hodgson Academy (P, S) Sarah Colbeck, Mereside Primary School (P)
<b>Phonics</b>	<b>Science</b>
Holly Wood, Hambleton Primary Academy (P)	Louisa Carter-Davies, Hodgson Academy (S) Catherine Vance, Blackpool Sixth Form College (S, SF)
<b>SEND</b>	<b>Teaching &amp; Learning</b>
Rosie Sycamore, Highfurlong School (P, S) Ruth Townley, Hodgson Academy (S) Charlotte Blundell, Hambleton Primary Academy (P)	Gail Yeadon, Blackpool Sixth Form College (S, SF) Tim Freeman, Blackpool Sixth Form College (S, SF) Amanda Stokes, Hambleton Primary Academy (P) Tom Kearns, Hodgson Academy (S) Sharon Skiffington, Montgomery High School (S) Tracy Lowe (S, SF)
Phase : P=primary, S=secondary, SF= sixth form	

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## Ways to get involved with FC Teaching School :

- Join us as an Alliance Partner
- Become an Associate Member of our alliance
- Join us in one of the following areas of our work :
  - ◇ ITT—placement for trainees and developing school-centred Initial Teacher Training.
  - ◇ CPD- take part in our teaching programmes



## Who is who at FC Teaching School :

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## Our congratulations go to :

- \* *Hambleton Primary Academy* for being among the top 60 primary schools in the country for KS2 results
- \* *Blackpool Aspire Academy* and their anti bullying initiatives recently featured in the *Gazette*
- \* *Norbreck Primary Academy & Roseacre Primary Academy* on their recent good OFSTED inspections

**Please be sure to send us your good news stories and we will promote them further !**

We are currently updating our website <http://www.fctsa.co.uk>

and will soon have a fully functioning website that is kept up to date for our members to use. Please make sure your staff are aware of this website. We also welcome our schools having links to Fylde Coast Teaching School through their own school websites.



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