

Oakwood Teaching School Newsletter

Oakwood Academy has had a busy year since being designated a National Teaching School. To ensure that colleagues are aware of our work we will distribute a newsletter twice a year. Further information is available on our website.

Latest News and Developments

Autumn 2017

SLE Recruitment Autumn 2017

We successfully recruited four new SLE's last autumn to add to the four SLE's Oakwood already had. We now have a range of professionals who can offer colleagues support and development in areas such as Finance, ASD, SEND Data, SEN T & L, Speech and Language, Early Years and SEN Sport.

The next recruitment round will open in October 2017, We are looking to recruit SLE's who have experience in Behavior, Mental Health, SEND Assessment/Data and Finance.

CPD 2017–18

Our brochure of CPD opportunities for 2017-18 has been circulated to schools across our region.

We received a large number of delegates who attended a wide range of CPD last year and we received excellent feedback over the quality and content .

In particular our ASD training and mindfulness was especially popular.

Please see our brochure for 2017-18

NPQ

National Teaching Schools will be involved in the delivery of the national Professional Qualification for Middle Leadership, Senior Leadership, Headship and Executive Leadership.

If you are interested in any of these qualifications please contact us so we can sign post you to the right provider.

Mrs. Lisa Southwood

Deputy Headteacher /
Director of
Teaching School



Mrs. Amanda Nicholson

Executive Principal/NLE
Oakwood Academy



MAT

The Oakwood Academy Schools Trust is planning to merge with the Russett learning Trust in Northwich.

It will be a brand new Trust which will have 2 outstanding special schools in it. We are currently looking to do a free school application and have every confidence we are gaining capacity and expertise in order to grow and develop a strong and stable structure of school improvements and governance that will benefit all schools in our trust.



School Direct

We have invested a lot of time recruiting trainee's for the School Direct programme and we are delighted to have recruited 9 new recruits who started with us in September 2017. We have a mix of Primary and Secondary trainee's who cover a wide range of subjects. We have received confirmation that we have been allocated 19 School Direct places for 2018/2019 and will begin recruitment very soon.

Our work around training the next generation of teachers is crucial, especially with the difficulties we experience in recruitment. We are hopeful that we can bring into the profession a wide range of Special Needs Teachers which will undoubtedly have a massive impact on children and young people.

Research and Development

We are actively encouraging our staff to engage in research led inquiry. As more children come into the school system with ever increasingly complex needs, it is only through research and development that we can find ways to support these young people. We are currently practicing engagement profiling so we can actively monitor the progress of our least able learners. We are encouraging our staff to undertake PHD's and Masters degree courses and we are encouraging our staff to do small scale research and present findings to SLT and governors.

Key dates:

SEN Data:

Thursday 5th October 2017

Introduction to Sensory Processing Disorder:

Wednesday 11th October 2017

Managing Self Harm:

Friday 13th October 2017

Inclusive Tennis Teacher Training:

Wednesday 18th October 2017

SEN Training:

Thursday 2nd November 2017

Improvement Teacher Training:

Tuesday 14th November 2017

Managing Challenging Behaviour in the Classroom:

Tuesday 14th November 2017

Effective Differentiation for SEN pupils:

Tuesday 21st November 2017

Computer Science for SEND pupils:

Wednesday 13th December 2017

School to School Support

Oakwood is engaged in regular school to school support. Our Director of Finance works weekly with a number of Primary Schools supporting them with their Finance. As budgets get tighter and schools change the way they work because of the requirements of being an academy, this professional support is crucial. Oakwood has been commissioned to undertake a number of SEND reviews in secondary and primary schools. We have also supported schools requiring improvement who need more detailed and long term support around school improvement. We have also been deployed into another special school experiencing difficulty and have undertaken work around quality of teaching and learning.

If you require School to School support please contact:

Lisa Southwood on 0161 921 2880.



At Oakwood Academy we encourage pupils to respect the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.