

NST Newsletter: Friday 2nd October 2020

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Autumn Term Subject Leader Network Meetings

The following online autumn term network meetings are available to book; click on the links below to visit our Eventbrite page:

- [Drama Network](#) – Monday 5th October, 3.30pm to 4.30pm
- [Art Network](#) – Tuesday 6th October, 4.00pm to 5.30pm
- [PSHE Network](#) – Thursday 8th October, 4.00pm to 5.30pm
- [Science Network](#) – Monday 12th October, 3.30pm to 5.00pm
- [RQT Network](#) – Tuesday 13th October, 3.30pm to 5.00pm
- [School Business Leader Network](#) – Thursday 15th October, 1.30pm to 3.00pm
- [Assessment Leads Network](#) – Friday 6th November, 1.00pm to 3.30pm
- [Inclusion Network](#) – Wednesday 11th November, 1.00pm to 3.00pm
- [Early Years Network](#) – Thursday 12th November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm
- [NQT Network](#) – Thursday 19th November, 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Booking details for our other network meetings will be available soon.

The following Local Authority online autumn network meetings are now also available to book, and as previously, the NST will pay for the places for your staff to attend:

- Mathematics Network: [Thursday 15th October, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#), and [Friday 4th December, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#).
- English Network: [Thursday 8th October, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#), and [Thursday 10th December, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#).
- Teaching Assistant Network: [Wednesday 14th October, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#), and [Wednesday 9th December, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#).

NST Phonics and Reading Training Programme: training dates coming up

The following training dates are coming up before half term; click on the links below to book in via our Eventbrite page:

- **Letters and Sounds Part 4: Decodable Readers:** [Monday 5th October, 3.45pm to 5.45pm](#), or [Monday 12th October, 3.45pm to 5.45pm](#).
- **Spellonics – where phonics meets spelling – for Phase 6:** [Wednesday 7th October, 3.45pm to 5.45pm](#), or [Wednesday 14th October, 3.45pm to 5.45pm](#).

A copy of the full training programme for this academic year is available on our Portal here (password – NST2017):

<http://www.nottinghamschoolstrust.org.uk/2020-21-programmes-and-opportunities/>

NST Leadership Programmes with Sally Manz for 2020-21 – Save the Dates

Dates have now been confirmed for our termly leadership training sessions with Sally Manz, as follows:

Forging Ahead programme for Heads of School, Deputy and Assistant Headteachers

- Wednesday 25th November 2020, 2.00pm to 4.00pm (this meeting will be held virtually, on MS Teams).
- Wednesday 1st March 2021.
- Wednesday 16th June 2021.

We hope to be able to hold the spring and summer term meetings in person between 1.30pm and 4.00pm (with lunch provided from 12.30pm). However, if this is not possible due to Covid, the training will be held virtually between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

Careering Ahead programme for Middle Leaders

- Monday 23rd November 2020, 3.00pm to 5.00pm (this meeting will be held virtually, on MS Teams).
- Monday 1st March 2021.
- Monday 14th June 2021.

We hope to be able to hold the spring and summer term meetings in person between 1.30pm and 4.00pm (with lunch provided from 12.30pm). However, if this is not possible due to Covid, the training will be held virtually between 3.00pm and 5.00pm.

We will let you know as soon as these sessions are open for booking but in the meantime please put these dates in your diaries!

Request to any schools who run mindfulness sessions – can you help please?

Mark Brumwell at Middleton has received a request from Rodrigo Brito (an ex-Middleton parent), who would like to reach out to any schools who run mindfulness sessions. Here's a bit of further information:

I am Rodrigo Brito, a Chilean psychologist studying a PhD in Education in the University of Nottingham, about how to improve the current implementation of mindfulness practices within school contexts. In order to do that, I am searching for teachers who are implementing mindfulness in the classroom and Head Teachers in whose schools this is happening, as participants for this project. This implies, in a first stage, to be available to make an interview about their real experience regarding this topic. Taking part in this research has some direct benefits: 1) to deepen their knowledge about how to do a more holistic implementation of mindfulness within schools, 2) to improve their future implementation of mindfulness in the real setting in which each one is working and, 3) to obtain feedback from the results of the research. If you like to have more information about this project and how you can contribute to this, I will really appreciate that you contact me at: alyrb1@nottingham.ac.uk.

Information for 'Voice Nottingham' Schools

Dan Ford from the Voice 21 Team has asked us to circulate the following information to schools participating in the Voice Nottingham programme:

Amplify Day 1

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the Amplify Day 1 session on Tuesday – it was great to see you all. If you'd like to remind yourself of any of the learnings from the day, you will find the slides in the Voice 21 Exchange [here](#).

If you weren't able to attend, please don't worry. We know that it's a challenging time for all of our Voice Nottingham schools right now, and so we've made sure that you can access a recording of the session, also saved in the Voice 21 Exchange, [here](#).

If you have any questions at all about the session don't hesitate to email me and if you're having any issues accessing the Exchange, the attached user guide or my colleagues over at schools@voice21.org will be able to help.

Intersession Tasks

For those of you unable to attend yesterday, please pay particular note to the intersession tasks outlined towards the end of the session. Most notably, **benchmarking your school's oracy provision against the School Benchmarks**. You will need to complete this prior to attending Day 2 on **November 24th 2020** (details of joining this session will be sent to you nearer the time).

Registration

Each school should have chosen one participant to continue onto the Amplify programme this year. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, this should be someone who attended the three core Activate days last year.

If you haven't done so already, **please use this form to enroll one participant from your school onto the programme.** This form is to ensure that our email records for participants remain up to date; even if it is the same person who attended the Activate programme last year they will need to be enrolled for this year. On completion of the form, you will also be asked to complete your baseline survey - please take the time to do this, as it will provide useful information about the impact of the programme over the year.

Hub Schools

We are still inviting applications to become a Voice Nottingham Hub School for 20/21. Thank you to those of you who have already submitted applications. You can find the application form and more details attached to this email. The deadline for applying is **Friday 16th October 2020** but please let us know before then if you require more time to complete the form.

As a reminder, becoming a Hub School entitles you to an additional **three days of bespoke support for your school from Voice 21 as well as three days of collective Oracy Lead training, in conjunction with other Hub Schools.** This is in addition to the training and development you'll receive through participation on the Amplify programme and Accelerate days. There is no additional cost for this support as the price is included as part of your enrolment with Voice Nottingham.

Please let me know if you have any questions about any of these things or you can email my colleagues over at schools@voice21.org who will be able to help.

Teach First – Free Bespoke Support Package

Teach First are offering a free, bespoke three-year support package.

The programme includes:

- Covid response: access to bespoke support from an experienced former headteacher from autumn / winter 2020
- Free, two-year Leading Together programme starting in April 2021
- Subsidised access to other Teach First programmes

More detailed information can be found here - <https://www.teachfirst.org.uk/leading-together>

Between 6-8 places on this programme are on offer to Teach First eligible primary schools in Nottingham and Derby with an Ofsted grading of 2, 3 or 4, and we'll be contacting schools throughout the first half term.

Free Course for Primary ITTE / NQT / RQT Science Teachers

Anna Cummings from the Science Learning Partnership has been in touch about some funding to enable Primary ITTE / NQT/RQTs to access free training. For further information about this fully funded, twilight and online training, please visit their [website](#).

Alternatively, you can email Anna at Finance@DTSA.org.uk