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The Graduate Teacher Programme and Overseas Trained Teacher Programme

Welcome to your teacher training programme with STTP.

Newsletter Autumn 2008

We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer and wish you a very rewarding training experience. Last year over 80 Graduate Trainees and Overseas Trained Teachers achieved QTS through Partnership programmes. Congratulations to everyone who is now embarking on their NQT year. Our thanks go to all Mentors for their expertise and commitment - you play a key role in the success of trainees, along with everyone else in school who is involved in providing school-based training. We appreciate the excellent support of our partner schools. Key meeting dates for the autumn term are included in this Newsletter. The annual calendar and meeting dates for the year are available on the website on the documents page.

Handbook 2008/09

We have made considerable changes to the programme this year in response to feedback from trainees and schools. The Handbook 2008/09 gives full details of the Graduate Teacher Programme and Overseas Trained Teacher arrangements for achieving QTS. Many of you have now collected Handbooks for yourselves, your Mentors and ITT Co-ordinators. If you have not yet collected your Handbook, please contact us at ben@southendttp.co.uk to arrange a convenient time for collection. Don't forget to bring a memory stick to get an electronic copy of the Handbook including all the pro-formas you and your mentor will need to complete.

Trainee Representatives

Each year, we have one primary and one secondary trainee representative to ensure that we put the interests of trainees at the heart of everything we do. Trainee reps attend the Partners' Forum meetings held termly. Trainee reps can also request additional meetings with the Chief Executive Officer to address any issues that arise throughout the year. Please contact wendyaston@southendttp.co.uk if you would be interested in this.

GTP Trainees on programme from 2007/08

Don't worry we haven't forgotten those of you who started earlier this year. There will be a training session to support December finishers in preparing for final assessment. Please see the website for further details. In addition, you are very welcome to attend any of the training sessions this term including the tutorials and communities of practice tutorials (secondary only). Please email jo@southendttp.co.uk to confirm attendance at tutorials. Please email ben@southendttp.co.uk to confirm attendance at training days to ensure that we order enough refreshments.

For those of you starting your second term, we are holding a tutorial session at the beginning of September to brief you on the changes to the programme this year and to review your progress to ensure that the training you attend this term meets your needs. We will also put on an additional, separate training session for you to help you prepare for your second school placement. See the website for details.

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Graduate Teacher Programme

Important Dates for your Diary – **Autumn Term 2008**

For Trainees

Joint Induction Day		
Wednesday 10 th September 2008	9am – 3pm	Leigh Community Centre
December Finishers Only Training		
Tuesday 23 rd September 2008	9am – 1pm	Arlington Rooms
Term 2 Trainees Only Training		
Wednesday 1 st October 2008	Time TBA	STTP Training Room Business Hub University of Essex

Primary Subject Training Day		
Literacy Training Day		
Wednesday 17 th September 2008	9am – 3pm	Darlinghurst Primary School
Wednesday 5 th November 2008	9am – 3pm	Leigh-On-Sea
Science Training Day		
Thursday 2 nd October 2008	9am – 3pm	Thorpedene Infants School
Wednesday 15 th October 2008	9am – 3pm	Shoeburyness
Numeracy Training Day		
Wednesday 8 th October 2008	9am – 3pm	Venue TBC
Wednesday 3 rd December 2008	9am – 3pm	

Primary Training Day		
Tuesday 11 th November 2008	9am – 3pm	Darlinghurst Primary School
Primary Tutorials		
Week commencing 20 th October 2008	By appointment	STTP Training Room Business Hub University of Essex

Secondary Training Day		
Wednesday 24 th September 2008	9am - 3pm	Arlington Rooms
Subject training session in communities of practice – Wk commencing 6 th October 2008 by appointment		
		STTP Training Room Business Hub University of Essex
TV training session - limited places Wednesday 15 th October 2008	1.30pm – 3.00pm	Shoeburyness High School
Wednesday 22 nd October 2008	9am – 3pm	Arlington Rooms
Wednesday 19 th November 2008	9am – 3pm	Arlington Rooms
Subject training session in communities of practice – Wk commencing 24 th November 2008 by appointment		
		STTP Training Room Business Hub University of Essex
Wednesday 10 th December 2008	9am – 3pm	Arlington Rooms TBC

Tutorial Days		
Induction tutorials - Sept 08 starters 28 th & 29 th August 2008	By appointment	STTP Training Room Business Hub University of Essex
Portfolio Tutorials Thursday 30 th October 2008	By appointment	STTP Training Room Business Hub University of Essex

For Mentors

Primary Mentor Meeting		
Monday 15 th September 2008	4pm – 5.30pm	Thorpedene Infants School
Tuesday 2 nd December 2008	4pm – 5.30pm	Venue TBC

Secondary Mentor Cluster Meeting		
Thursday 18 th September 2008	4pm – 5.30pm	Sweyne Park School
Monday 29 th September 2008	4pm – 5.30pm	Shoeburyness High School
Monday 1 st December 2008	4pm – 5.30pm	Venue TBC
Thursday 4 th December 2008	4pm – 5.30pm	Belfairs High School

For Headteachers and Training Co-ordinators

Partners Forum		
Wednesday 12 th November 2008	12.30pm – 3pm	Venue TBC

Management Meetings

Directors Meeting		
Thursday 11 th September 2008	2.30pm – 4.30pm	Cecil Jones College

Operational Group Meeting		
Thursday 25 th September 2008	4pm – 5.30pm	Darlinghurst Primary School
Thursday 27 th November 2008	4pm – 5.30pm	Darlinghurst Primary School

Other Events and Information

Professional Tutors / Assessors Meeting		
Wednesday 3 rd September 2008	11am – 1pm Primary 3pm – 5pm Secondary	STTP Training Room Business Hub University of Essex
Monday 15 th December 2008	10am – 12pm	Business Hub University of Essex
Tuesday 16 th December 2008	10am – 12pm	Business Hub University of Essex

NB Selection Event for January 09 start (Secondary Only) – Tuesday 14th October 2008