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## ***The Graduate Teacher Programme and Overseas Trained Teacher Programme***

### **Newsletter Spring Term 2009**

**Congratulations to all those who have recently achieved QTS**

**We welcome all January starters to the teacher training programme with STTP.**

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break and extend a warm welcome to our new Secondary trainees beginning their GTP or OTTP training programme with us this term. Key meeting dates for the winter term are included in this Newsletter. The annual calendar and meeting dates for the year are available on the website on the documents page. Full details of all training sessions are posted on our website so keep checking for any changes.

Congratulations to those of you who achieved QTS at the end of last term. A celebration event is being held in honour of your achievement at Porters Lodge on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2009 where the Mayor will congratulate you on your success – we look forward to seeing you there. Please don't forget to confirm your attendance by email to [jenniopenshaw@southendttp.co.uk](mailto:jenniopenshaw@southendttp.co.uk).

#### **Trainee Representatives**

John Archer, James Pickering and Suelene Drake are your Trainee Representatives on the Partners' Forum for Primary, Secondary and Overseas Trained Teachers respectively. Thank you to those of you who gave us useful feedback on the STTP training programme via your trainee representatives at the last Partners' Forum. In particular we are delighted that the tutorials and communities of practice have been so well received. Comments about the directed tasks have been taken on board and we continue to welcome your constructive feedback. Thank you to John, James and Suelene for ensuring that your voice is heard and that your views shape the planning and delivery of our programmes.

#### **March Finishers**

For those of you starting your final term, there will be a training session on the 21<sup>st</sup> January at the University. This will equip you to complete your Career Entry Development Profile; prepare you for Final Assessment and give you an overview of your NQT year.

#### **Central Training Update**

Following a very successful pilot last term, Darlington Primary and Nursery School will be co-ordinating the primary central training programme from January. Belfairs High School will be co-ordinating the Secondary central STTP training programme. In this way we will be able to make best use of the considerable expertise within our partner schools. This will mean changes to training venues. We remain highly responsive to your needs when planning training sessions so please keep checking the website for regular updates.

***We look forward to working with you in 2009***