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Salop Teaching School Conference—Key Note Speaker Robert Powell

The Salop Teaching School Alliance Conference took place on the 16th July. We were delighted to welcome Robert Powell as our Key Note Speaker presenting on "Maximising the progress of all students through effective differentiation, feedback and dialogue"

The conference gave delegates ideas for the first PD days in September with a clear focus on whole school improvement and looked at a fresh and challenging approach to differentiation and effective feedback to students.

Robert Powell is known for challenging the standard 3 part lesson and taking a fresh look at differentiation through his 4 key principles Robert Powell is nationally recognised as an inspirational speaker.

The author of numerous books including 'Feedback and marking' Robert's practical strategies are rooted in his lifetime in secondary education from Head of department through to Deputy Head and Headteacher of Blurton High School in Stoke-on-Trent (now Sir Stanley Matthews Academy).

Specialist Leaders in Education

Specialist leaders of education (SLEs) are outstanding middle and senior leaders who have the skills to support individuals or teams in similar positions in other schools. They understand what outstanding leadership practice in their area of expertise looks like and are skilled in helping other leaders to achieve it in their own context.

The Salop Teaching School Alliance is delighted to welcome 3 new SLEs to the team.

Mark Delafield, Secondary Specialism Mathematics
Mark Cooper, Secondary Specialisms Leadership CPD, Leadership Curriculum and ITT/NQT
Jenefer Walker, Secondary Specialisms Geography, Assessment, Leadership of CPD

The next recruitment round for SLE's is from 1st to 23rd October we will be looking for Secondary English and Science only. To find out more information please visit our website SLE page

Bursaries

The alliance is delighted to have approved 17 bursary applications in the recent application process. Twelve CPD applications and five Research & Development applications were accepted from a selection of primary, sixth form and secondary schools. To view bursary case studies please visit our website CPD page.

Continual Professional Development

The CPD Autumn Term Course flyer is now available with a variety of courses available to find out more visit our website CPD page.

www.salopteachingschool.co.uk

Maths Hub

The Priory School, as lead school for the Salop Teaching School Alliance has been selected as one of only 32 schools and colleges in England to take a key role in a new network of school-based centres, or hubs, designed to improve maths education for children and teenagers across the country. The alliance will be the lead for the Salop and Herefordshire Maths Hub.

The Salop and Herefordshire Maths Hub will work to improve maths learning in the area a number of ways, including:

- developing teachers' effectiveness in maths lessons
- providing a wider range of maths-related enrichment activities for pupils
- producing new materials for use in classrooms and for teachers' professional development

Among the activities undertaken to start making these improvements will be an exchange of teachers between schools in the hub and schools in Shanghai, China. This research project will start with Alison Turner from St George's Primary School, Telford and Sue Evans, from Meole Brace Primary School, Shrewsbury travelling to Shanghai in the autumn term this year. The Chinese teachers will make a return visit later in the school year.

The entire Maths Hubs programme, linking all 32 hubs across England, is being coordinated centrally by the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM).

For details of all Maths Hubs, go to www.ncetm.org.uk/mathshubs

School Direct

School Direct Recruitment Events will be held throughout the year with presenters from The University of Cumbria, North Shropshire Teaching Alliance, Premier Plus and Salop Teaching School Alliance who talked to delegates about provider information, the application process and the roles of both alliances followed by a question and answer session. To view the presentations given at our previous event, please view our **School Direct Page.**

School Direct Placements Available

Due to a further allocation of places, we now have the following subjects available:

Mathematics 3	Chemistry 2	Physics 2	Biology 1	Geography 2
English 3	Design Technology 2	Modern Foreign Languages 2		

School Direct For further information please visit our websites:-

http://www.stpetersprimary.co.uk/sd.asp Primary http://www.salopteachingschool.co.uk Secondary

Applications are not made to the school but through the UCAS system:
http://ww.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training

For further information on School Direct please contact Shirley Milner sam@priory.shropshire.sch.uk

If you need further help and would like to discuss Salop Teaching School Alliance please contact:
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