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Happy new year to all our school partners!

An engaged partnership:

We are committed to forging a mutually beneficial relationship with all our valued school partners. We believe that this is achieved through open and purposeful discourse. The purpose of this month's update is to pass on ways in which we are establishing this tradition over the rest of this academic year.

Partnership Celebration event:

Headteachers and Senior leaders are cordially invited to a **School of Education Partnership Celebration Event here at the City South Campus from 5.30pm on Wednesday 1st April 2020**. This event will launch our bespoke partnership recognition scheme and provide school leaders to meet and discuss with the staff at BCU aspects of ensuring our partnership is mutually beneficial.

Formal invitations to this event will be coming into school, but please hold this date in your diaries if you can. We are very much looking forward to seeing as many of you on this date as can make the journey.

Liaison with experts across the university:

The School of Education English subject team are supporting academics from the BCU School of English at the City Centre Campus on **Wednesday 5th February from 4.30pm to 7.30pm**. This subject development event will be of interest to all Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 teachers of English and provide them with the opportunity to attend stimulating academic presentations and discussions across fields of linguistics, literature and creative writing.

Any groups of English teachers interested in attending this free subject knowledge development event should register **by 26 January 2020** via this email address: lvia.lita@bcu.ac.uk.

Launching BCU Subject Hubs:

With the move towards a focus on curriculum development across the region we will begin hosting

cross phase events across the region to share research and practice within subject specific contexts this term.

The events will be held on a Saturday morning to enable as wide a participation as possible. A range of subjects are in the pipeline and we would welcome any support from schools in hosting an event. Confirmed events so far are:

- **English** – at The Arthur Terry School on **March 28th 2020**.
- **Art** – here at City South campus in our fantastic facilities on **April 25th 2020**

If teachers are interested in attending, event programmes will be available shortly and advertised on the BCU Partnership webpages in the minutes, newsletters and reports tabs – we will also send these directly into schools via your professional mentors. Tickets will be available through Eventbrite at a nominal charge to cover part of the costs.

For more information of this aspect of our partnership offer please contact paul.clayton@bcu.ac.uk.

Early Career Teachers' Conference:

In partnership with the Chartered College of Teachers we are hosting our second Early Career teachers' Conference at BCU on **Tuesday 10 March from 5pm**.

All recently qualified or returning teachers and their mentors are welcome to attend this event. Registration will be through the Chartered College and available through Eventbrite tickets – at the point of writing the address for this has not been published, but we will share this on our website and over email as it becomes available.

Mentor accreditation:

Working alongside our academic leads for partnership we have two colleagues leading on research to support partner schools. You will be hearing more from them in coming newsletters!

But we just want to take this opportunity to signpost the fact that they will be working with a small group of mentors to trail our free Level 7 accreditation for mentoring and coaching during the rest of this

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academic year. If any of your professional mentors are interested in supporting this trial we would be very keen to hear from them. Please contact either Jane or Amanda via the email addresses above.

Following this period of consultation, we then plan to launch the opportunity for all our partner mentors to enroll and complete a level 7 accredited module in mentoring and coaching in the next academic year. This will be a fantastic opportunity for your valued team of school mentors to gain recognition for their commitment to training new teachers. These credits can be part of their journey to a master's qualification in education. One to look out for!

Placements update:

Thank you again for all your support with setting up placements this term – as we stated in the first newsletter, demand for placements is a particular challenge and we are working diligently to improve our administrative systems to ensure that this become a smooth and transparent operation.

In secondary our larger cohorts and newer subjects in secondary subjects continued to pose a challenge this term. If you can support with science, English or History placements we would always be very keen to hear from you.

Strategic Leadership Committees Update:

Secondary meeting dates are:

- **Wednesday 26th February 2020**
- **Wednesday 1st July 2020**

Timings are 4.30pm to 6pm and you are more than welcome to come along to share the discussion and drive a dynamic regional ITE partnership.

Alternatively, as we start Placement 2, do feel free to offer your feedback via email to our link mentors (listed here), or the Academic Lead for ITE Partnerships.

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Vacancies in: Computer Science, MfL, PE, and Religious Studies.

Primary Strategic Leadership Committee:

We are currently looking to re-develop the Primary Committee with the view to establish a new approach to strategically developing Primary initiatives across the region. [Please watch this space!](#)

Dates and deadlines:

- **Secondary PGCE Placement 2 starts** 21st January 2020 (4 days a week until half term and then continues as 5 days a week.)

Secondary Mentor CPD part 2 – held at City South Campus, Westbourne Road, B15 3TN:

- Option 1 January 15th 2020 – 4.30pm to 6.30pm
- Option 2 January 21st 2020 – 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

PGCE Primary Placement 2a starts with preliminary visits 4th – 7th February 2020 and 11th – 13th February 2020. The block placement is 24th February – 2nd April 2020.

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- **Year 2** preliminary visits are 27th, 28th and 29th January 2020, 3rd – 6th February 2020, 10th, 11th, 13th and 14th February 2020.
- **Year 1** block placement is 27th January – 13th February 2020

[If any primary colleagues wish to train as mentors, please contact the University Tutor linked to your school.](#)