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Welcome to the April edition of the ITE Partnership Newsletter. We hope you all had a joyful and restful Easter break and for those who celebrate it, we wish you Eid Mubarak for this coming weekend.

Partnership Mentor Celebration Event



At the event we will have:

- Input from keynote speakers **Haili Hughes** (author of *Mentoring in School*, 2021) and **Sir Mark Grundy** (Chief Executive of Shireland Collegiate Trust)
- Feedback on the impact of mentoring from current BCU trainees
- Presentations of BCU Partnership Recognition Certificates
- **Afternoon tea** (a very important aspect of the event!)
- A chance to network with other partner schools and BCU staff in our campus garden

We will be posting and emailing the formal invitation to lead mentors in schools in coming weeks. **We hope to see a mentor from all our partnership schools on the date!** Tickets for the event are available now - please identify your nominated attendee and register your attendance via this Eventbrite link.



School Partnership Mentor Celebration Event
A celebration and thank you to all our School Partners across the region for supporting and working with o...
www.eventbrite.co.uk

Travel and directions to the City South Campus are provided for your reference [here](#). *Please note that parking on campus is restricted, but those with specific needs can be accommodated for if you contact either of the BCU Partnership Leads above.*

SBT Placement - updates

Secondary PGCE - return to Home School Placement: Thank you for welcoming your Home School trainees back, we have had some fabulous feedback indicating that you can expect some fabulous practice in their final term of training.

Secondary BA/ BSc (Hons) with QTS Placements:

- Year 1 are now in their 2-week block placement - many trainees were unable to complete the initial days in schools earlier in the year and so we are asking all hosting schools whether they have the capacity to sustain the placement with trainees returning for named days to fit in around their studies for the remainder of the academic year. If your school can support this, please confirm via email to UGSecondarySLT@bcu.ac.uk?
- Year 3 are all making good progress in their host schools – thank you!
- Year 2 start their block placement on **9 May** - all trainees are now placed for SBT. Professional Mentors have been sent resources and provided with access to the Mentor CPD Event recorded before Easter.

Primary PGCE:

- **SBT3 commences on 3 May.**

Primary BA (Hons) with QTS:

- Year 1s start their 3 ½ week block placement on **4 May**.
- Year 2s are in school for their 7-week SBT from **25 April to 16 June**.
- Year 3s will be undertaking an additional 7-day experience in school during June to mitigate previous Covid restrictions. **If you are interested in hosting any close to QTS primary trainees during this period, please contact education.partnerships@bcu.ac.uk**

Placement Opportunities Packs 2022/23

Secondary SBT POPs have all been published and are also available to download from our [webpages here](#).



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Please send [Expression of Interest Forms](#) back to Education.Partnerships@bcu.ac.uk by as soon as possible.

Primary SBT POPs are now being circulated to primary schools. We will also have them available to download on the Primary Webpages as soon as possible.

CPD Events

CPD Opportunity from our partners at TITAN SCITT

As part of the Titan series of [Early Career Teacher Workshops](#), we are delighted that Jade Hibbert, Exploitation Lead for the West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit, will be delivering a virtual session on Wednesday 25th May, 2:00pm-4:00pm which focuses on Child Criminal Exploitation.

This session will explore the specific contextual Child Criminal Exploitation threats our young people face in Birmingham and look at the programmes and strategies in place to address these.

Trigger Warning - please be advised that this session contains potentially disturbing content. This content might include graphic references to topics such as abuse, sexual abuse, violence etc.

Please register your place for this important session by close of play, Friday 20th May with Kanisha at kanisha.warrican@titan.org.uk and ask for the Zoom links to the event.

Local Research School Courses:

There are 3 local research schools who provide evidence-informed course to guide all regional schools. You can access their CPD offers in the links below:

- [Staffordshire Research School](#)
- [Billesley Research School](#)
- [St Matthews Research School](#)

BCU ECT drop-ins

We continue to host ECT drop-in sessions for any beginning teacher across the partnership - no matter who their ECF provider is. Sessions are host by BCU academics online on Wednesday evenings from 4pm-5pm. **Please encourage your ECTs to drop by for supportive and informal input into their ECF curriculum.** Our sessions this term are:

- **May 25** - Feedback - including report writing
- **June 15** - Promoting Deep Learning
- **July 13** - Reviewing ECT progress and planning ahead for Year 2 as an ECT

The link to join the sessions can be found on our Partnership Webpages [here](#).

Early Career Framework in Partnership with Capita and UOB

School leaders will be considering which ECF Partner to engage for their incoming Early Career Teachers. Let us take this opportunity to remind you that **BCU are a delivery partner for the Capita and UOB partnership.** This model has a sound online infrastructure to guide ECTs and their mentors through the ECF curriculum and sources training material from regional school partners - with authentic West Midland voices! Our delivery model takes into consideration regional contexts and knowledge, in addition we offer ECTs the opportunity to work in bespoke small groups for ECF Clinic sessions with BCU's SEND, KS1, KS2 and Secondary expert colleagues. This allows BCU trained ECTs to develop as responsive communities of research-led practitioners. **In addition, all our ECTs can use their ECF study to accrue Masters credits!** For further conversations about the BCU ECF offer please contact Rachel.Jones@bcu.ac.uk.

Dates for Mentor Training

Secondary PGCE Mentor CPD:

Mentor CPD3 dates at the start of next term:

- **4 May** - from 3.30pm
- **9 May** - from 4.30pm

Attendance is compulsory for all BCU PGCE mentors.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Secondary UG Mentor CPD

Year 3 drop-in session to support mentors as trainee approach QTS sign off is on:

- **16 May** - 3.45-4.30pm

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Primary Mentor Training:

The next CPD event is:

- **19 May / 23 May** - from 3.30pm

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Strategic Partnership Committees

The next online SPC meetings are scheduled for:

- **Secondary:** Weds, **8 June 2022** - 4.30pm
- **Primary:** Thurs, **19 May 2022** - 3.30 pm

Links to join either meeting are available on our Partnership Webpages.

Have a lovely May bank holiday weekend everyone!