



Newsletter 10 – 14/02/2020

Dear Aspire Challenge Partners Hub Partners,

A busy Spring Term 1 has come to an end. The Aspire Hub has had a very busy half term.

Elliot, Simon & Penny attended the Challenge Partners – Senior Partners and Hub Managers meeting at Mercers' Hall in London. We had the opportunity to listen to updates from Dr Kate Chhatwal and Laura Lewis-Williams. Professor Peter Matthews input was around 'When will they ever learn?' We led a carousel of best practice around the 'Hub Manager Toolkit' which we are using within Aspire. Rob Carpenter CEO – Inspire MAT shared his insightful reflections on curriculum and the new OFSTED framework.

We are looking forward to seeing you all for our next Hub meeting on – MONDAY 2nd MARCH 2020 at Gorsefield Primary School, Bury. An agenda and documents will be circulated after half term – please put this in your diaries as important information will be shared for every school.

Have a restful half term break!

With best wishes - Karen, Simon, Penny & Elliot

Key Dates

Hub Meetings:

Monday 2nd March 2020

Thursday 23rd April 2020
(All 2pm – 4pm)

Hub Celebration:

Friday 3rd July 2019
Stockton Heath
(7pm Arrival)

Curriculum Enquiry Group

Thank you to those who submitted a curriculum enquiry group application, we have the following members as part of the group:-

Elliot Costas-Walker – Hub Manager
Josie Gallagher – Halewood Academy
Ruth Onyekaba – Gorsefield Primary School
Karen Graham – St Catherine's CE Primary School
Sheryl Wrigley – St Aloysius Catholic Primary School
Linda Lord – Knowsley Lane Primary School

A meeting will be scheduled in Spring Term 2 for the curriculum group to plan and develop visits for Summer Term. We will share this during our next Hub meeting on Monday 2nd March 2020

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QAR Feedback – A story from St Peter's SD CE Primary School – Christine Lancashire (HT)

We had a most successful and rewarding visit from the team of Reviewers last week. All staff felt that this was a very supportive and collaborative three days that focussed on our school priorities. The whole team at SPSP were involved in the review that certainly challenged and questioned our practice, but it was felt to have been a fantastic opportunity for leaders, at all levels, to discuss and their subject, or area of responsibility. The whole team agreed that this was a superb CPD opportunity, highlighting EBIs that were felt to be in line with our priorities and WWWWs that celebrated our existing practice. Officially, we are a "happy school". I was exceptionally proud of our whole team at SPSP!



Reviewer Refresher Training

The QA Review framework has been completely reviewed and changed to reflect and broadly align with the changes in the Ofsted framework, in order for the review to be most useful to our schools. There has been reviewer refresher training put in place and there are four options to choose from:-

1. **Network of Excellence member resources** – links attached to email
2. **Reviewer training – 28/02/2020 (London) 06/03/2020 (Kent)** – If you are interested in attending please email aliya.hasnain@challengepartners.org
3. **A group call with Challenge Partners' head reviewers, Julie Bourdon-Pierre & Debroah Lewis – 24/02/2020** – If you are interested in joining the call please email jade.horton@challengepartners.org
4. **Challenge Partners National Conference – 27/02/2020**, if you are attending the conference please ensure that you select carousel 22 'Changes to the QA review' to receive the refresher training.

QA Review Opportunities

Kingsford Community School	24 th - 26 th Feb 2020	Kingsford Way, London E6 5JG
Preston Manor School	2 nd – 4 th March 2020	Carlton Avenue East, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 8NA
Sir William Borlase's Grammar School	4 th – 6 th March 2020	West Street, Marlow, Buckinghamshire SL7 2BR
Wade Deacon High School	30 th March – 1 st April 2020	Birchfield Road, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 7TD

Tweets of the fortnight:



 **Aspire Challenge Partners Hub** @TheAspire_Hub · 3 Feb
Amazing feedback! 🌍🌟🌟

 **The Grange Academy** @Grange_School · 3 Feb

We are really pleased that the reviewers saw the fantastic provision we have for our EYFS. Staff are committed to giving the children the best possible start to their education. We still have spaces available in Reception for September. For more info please contact Mrs Stockton.



Forward As One CE Multi Academy Trust @ForwardAs1Trust · 4 Feb
@ChallengePartnr @TheAspire_Hub - support and challenge in action today @StPetersSD for the Day 2 of their Challenge Partners QAR.

So much professional dialogue and learning from all. 🌍🌟

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