



## **NST Newsletter: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

This week's newsletter features the following items:

- NST Member Meeting Dates for 2024-25
- 'Teaching for Creativity' Launch and Celebration Event – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September
- Free Foreign Language Lesson Opportunity for Infant / Primary Schools from NTU
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### **NST Member Meeting Dates for 2024-25**

Here are the dates for this year's NST members meetings, so you can get them into your diaries:

- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 8.30am to 11.30am
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 8.30am to 11.30am
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 1.00pm to 4.00pm

### **'Teaching for Creativity' Launch and Celebration Event – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

We're delighted to invite you to the 'Teaching for Creativity Launch and Celebration event' with [Creativity Collaboratives](#) and [ChalleNGe Nottingham](#) on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2-4pm at Broadway cinema.

Over the last 3 years, 12 schools within Nottingham Schools Trust have established a Community of Practice to explore innovative approaches to Teaching for Creativity, focusing on *how to nurture children's innate creative capacity and sustain their curiosity about the world.*

Collaborating with Nottingham-based arts partners and creative practitioners, we've seen inspiring, impactful and creative practice: from children developing resilience and problem-solving as they use squishy circuits and crumble kits in design and technology to exploring fairytales through dressing up, role play, movement, sculpting and mask-making. Schools have developed creative approaches to supporting children's mental health, wellbeing, behaviour, and inclusion, ameliorating some of the crises that the school sector – and the 2024 elected government – are preparing to tackle. By nurturing creativity and curiosity in our schools, we can lead the way to a brighter, fairer education system.

Please join us on **Fri 20<sup>th</sup> September**, from **2-4pm** at Broadway to hear from Rebecca Gittins, Headteacher at Welbeck Primary, along with other school leaders involved in the programme. We are inviting Headteachers and policy makers in Nottingham to shape the city's new 'Teaching for Creativity Network' – widening our Community of Practice to more schools and children across the city.

Please [RSVP here](#)

### **Free Foreign Language Lesson Opportunity for Infant / Primary Schools from NTU**

#### **The opportunity:**

- Enhance pupils' intercultural experience with a free short foreign language lesson for your pupils, delivered by students on the NTU Masters in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (MA TESOL).
- Provide MA TESOL students with valuable experience towards their module 'Teaching English to Young Learners' by hosting them for a day at your school to so they can observe teaching practices.

#### **Benefits to Schools**

- Your pupils will benefit from a foreign language lesson taught by MA TESOL students, providing a unique intercultural learning opportunity.
- Exposure to different teaching styles and techniques as observed and shared by the MA TESOL students.
- The free 30/40 minute interactive foreign language lesson will offer a fun and engaging learning experience for your students.

#### **Students and Dates**

- We have a limited number of students so please do express your interest in this opportunity early to avoid disappointment.
- The proposed dates for the visit are 22-25 April 2025

#### **Languages, pupil's and year groups**

- We cannot guarantee which languages will be taught, but if you have a preference let us know and we will do our best to accommodate.
- All pupils in a class can experience the free lesson
- Y1 or Y2 is preferable, or Y3 and above is possible.

#### **Expectations and Commitments from the School**

- Allow MA TESOL students to spend a full day at your school.
  - We anticipate up to 5 students will attend on one day. They can stay as one group and for the observations and will deliver one language lesson together.
  - An NTU member of staff to accompany the students while they are at your school.
- Attach students to classes for observation across different subjects during the day.
- Manage pupil behaviour during the free language lesson the students deliver.
- Students can bring their own lunch, or if school can provide lunch, it would all add to the experience!

#### **To express an interest / find out more**

Please email [hannah.charlton@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:hannah.charlton@ntu.ac.uk)

### **Local Authority Moderation Events**

Jane Gill will be running a number of moderation events during the spring and summer terms, and all sessions are free for NST colleagues to attend. Please see the attached flyer for dates and booking links.

### **Local Authority Agreement Trialling Sessions for 2024-25**

The Local Authority Early Years specialists are running a number of agreement trialling training sessions during 2024-25. Please see the attached document for a list of dates available.

Agreement Trialling sessions can all be booked online here:

[https://myaccount.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/service/Early\\_Years\\_Course\\_Booking](https://myaccount.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/service/Early_Years_Course_Booking)

### **Active Notts Sport Welfare Lead Vacancy – Deadline 12/09/24**

Active Partners Trust are recruiting to a Sport Welfare Lead post for Nottinghamshire. This role in Notts will aim to have a positive impact by:

- Contributing to more positive, safe, inclusive experiences,
- Supporting communities including those under-represented in sport and physical activity to enjoy the benefits of what sport and physical activity can do
- Advocating consistent best practice with an effective welfare culture in club environment.

Please could you share this vacancy with anyone you think may have an interest? **The deadline for applications is 12/09/2024.**

[Click here to find out more and apply](#)

### **Teaching for Creativity in Action at Welbeck Primary School – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

**Welbeck Primary School**

**Tues 26 November 2024, 1.15pm - 3.15pm**

Kinglake Place, The Meadows, Nottingham, NG2 1NT

Welbeck Primary will open its doors to showcase creativity across all areas of the curriculum including at playtimes from F1 to Y6.

"We and the children look forward to hosting colleagues from across the city to celebrate this approach to primary education".

Teaching for Creativity Network event: [Register to attend](#)

Places are limited, so please let us know if you register and can no longer attend.

Please note, there is no parking on site, and so you will need to use nearby car parks, bus or tram.

Enquiries: Cathy Mahmood, ChalleNGe Manager, [cathy.mahmood@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:cathy.mahmood@ntu.ac.uk)



### **ChalleNGe Primary Newsletter**

ChalleNGe, Nottingham's Local Cultural Education Partnership, produces a bi-monthly e-newsletter full of invitations for teachers and schools to connect with arts and cultural providers in the city. Open: [September Primary Newsletter](#).

### **Best Practice Network ITT Placements**

Please find attached an email forwarded to us by Emma Hollis (School Improvement Advisor), with details of the Best Practice Network ITT placement scheme, as they are looking to find further placements for their candidates.

### **NAHE Newsletter**

The latest NAHE newsletter can be read online here: [NAHE Update - Welcome back! | Smore Newsletters for Education](#)

### **Autumn Term Subject Leader Network Meetings**

The following Subject Leader Network meetings are now available to book via our new booking platform, Universe (we have moved away from Eventbrite due to their introduction of fees). Click on the hyperlinks below for further details/to book in:

- **RE Network** – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Contact [Emily](#) if you wish to book a place.
- **History Network** – we are encouraging our History Leaders to attend CPD provided through the Historic England Heritage Schools Programme, taking place on [Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 4.00pm to 5.00pm](#), and [Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 9.00am to 4.00pm](#).
- **Computing Network** – [Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- **MFL Network** – [Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 3.45pm to 5.15pm](#)
- **Geography Network** – [Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 1.15pm to 3.15pm](#)
- **Music Network** – [Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2.00pm to 4.00pm](#)
- **Early Years Network** – [Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- **Curriculum Leads Network** – [Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 1.00pm to 3.30pm](#)
- **PSHE Network** – [Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#)
- **PE, School Sport and Physical Activity Network** – [Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 1.15pm to 3.15pm](#)
- **Assessment Leads Network** – [Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 1.00pm to 3.30pm](#)

- **Design and Technology Network** – [Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2.00pm to 4.00pm](#)
- **English Network** – [Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)
- **Inclusion Network** – [Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- **Diversity Network** – [Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 1.00pm to 3.00pm](#)
- **Phonics Network** – [Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#)

Jane Gill will be running her autumn term **Maths Network** on the following date:

- [Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)

If you experience any issues with using these booking links then please let [Emily](#) know.