

NST Newsletter: Monday 6th January 2025

Welcome back everyone! We hope that you had a wonderful break over the festive period and that you have returned refreshed and ready for the new term!

This week's newsletter features the following items:

- Reminder: Spring Term SBM Network – Wednesday 15th January
- Funded NPQs Announced for April 2025 Start (**1 attachment**)
- Nottingham City Moderation Events 2025 (**1 attachment**)
- Agreement Trialling Spring Term Sessions
- Developing Early Number Sense
- Nottinghamshire RS Resource Centre Spring Term Newsletter (**1 attachment**)
- Diversity Network Meeting – Thursday 23rd January
- Spring Term Subject Leader Network Meetings

Reminder: Spring Term SBM Network – Wednesday 15th January

This is just a reminder for SBMs that our spring term meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 15th January, 9.00am to 11.30am, at Nottingham Nursery School and Training Centre.

SBMs should have received a diary invite but please let [Emily](#) know if you haven't, and she will forward this to you. The agenda for the meeting will be circulated shortly.



Funded NPQs Announced for April 2025 Start

Dear colleagues,

We are delighted that the DfE have committed to the continuation of NPQs. There will be a cohort starting in April, for the final time. From September, cohorts will start once a year, in the Autumn.

Interested? Here's what you really need to know:

- ✓ Applications will open in **February** and cohorts start in April.
- ✓ NPQH and NPQSEND are fully funded – other NPQs are funded for schools with 50%+ PP.
- ✓ There are limited places available, allocated on a first come first served basis.

- ✓ TeachFirst is our training partner - rated outstanding, with a curriculum including application in school.

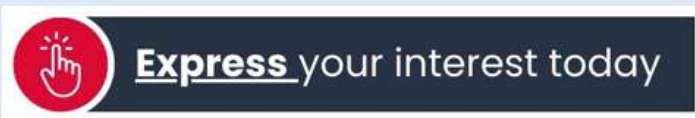
Why choose us?

1. TeachFirst's materials are adapted and tailored to meet the needs of schools in our area.

2. NPQs are delivered by experienced specialists and leaders carefully chosen to ensure participants learn from the best.

3. NPQs are a blended model of online and face to face learning, allowing peer networks to develop.

Do you have staff who are interested in completing an NPQ in April? Here's what they need to do now:



Doing this means they will receive:

- ✓ Further information about the NPQ course details
- ✓ Support for the application process
- ✓ Up to the minute alerts when the application window opens

The attached document contains everything you need to know about the NPQs available in April and who they are for.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with NPQ@flyinghightrust.co.uk

With kind regards
Sarah Heesom
Flying High Teaching School Hub Director

Nottingham City Moderation Events 2025

Jane Gill will be running a number of moderation events during the spring and summer term, which are designed to provide an opportunity for teachers to engage in some external moderation of their writing judgements. Places at these sessions are funded by NST so there is no cost to schools to book in. See the attached flyer for all the details and booking links.

Agreement Trialling Spring Term Sessions

After the successful impact of these sessions last term, we are pleased to announce that we are now taking bookings for our **Spring Term** Agreement Trialling sessions which will be running during March 2025.

This term, we are focusing on **Literacy and Expressive Arts and Design** with F1/nursery colleagues and **Maths and Communication and Language** with F2/reception colleagues. These areas have been selected after analysis of the most recent EYFSP

data. We will also be sharing the most recent national and local updates, new EYFSP information and links for CPD and support for early years practitioners.

We will also be continuing with our **SEND** support during discussions.

F1	Literacy & EAD	Castle Cavendish	Tuesday 4 th March	09:00 – 12:00 13:00 – 16:00
F1	Literacy & EAD	Online	Wednesday 5 th March	09:00 – 11:30 13:00 – 15:30
F2	Maths & C&L	Castle Cavendish	Tuesday 25 th March	09:00 – 12:00 13:00 – 16:00
F2	Maths & C&L	Online	Wednesday 26 th March	09:00 – 11:30 13:00 – 15:30

To find out more information – follow the link [Early Years - Nottingham City Council](#)

To book a place [CLICK HERE](#)

Developing Early Number Sense

Want to develop your understanding of mathematical concepts and how to support young children to develop a firm foundation in early maths – then this is for you:

Audience: Developing Early Number Sense 4-5s is specifically for practitioners working within a reception class

Developing Early Number Sense 3-4s is specifically for practitioners working with pre-school children in schools or PVI's

Course Overview: These courses will develop practitioner subject knowledge and give research-based theories and practical ideas of how adults can develop early number sense with reception and pre-school children. Both sessions are designed to compliment any schemes which might be used and aim to develop practitioner understanding of early number acquisition and deepen subject knowledge.

Course Aims:

- Develop practitioners' understanding of Cardinality and Counting, Comparison and Composition.
- Understand how to develop a mathematically engaging environment
- Develop strategies to help develop children's reasoning, providing foundations for children to develop more advanced number skills

	Date	Time	Venue	Fee per delegate
Developing Early Number Sense 4-5s	Tuesday 14 th January 2025	9:00-12:00	Castle Cavendish	£45
Developing Early Number Sense 3-4s	Wednesday 30 th April 2025	9:00-12:00	Castle Cavendish	£45

For more information please contact eytraining@nottinghamcity.gov.uk or [Book here](#) to secure your place.

Nottinghamshire RS Resource Centre Spring Term Newsletter

Please find attached the latest newsletter from the RS Resource Centre, which details various CPD opportunities and resources related to RE.

Diversity Network Meeting – Thursday 23rd January

Our Diversity Network meeting is taking place on Thursday 23rd January, 1.00pm to 3.00pm, at Nottingham Nursery School and Training Centre.

At this meeting, we will be looking at task design and curriculum content, focussing specifically on History as an example subject.

Attendees are asked to bring a selection of History planning from across your school, and we will look at links to equality and diversity in this subject.

We will also discuss the value of and setting up of pupil leadership groups linked to diversity and the importance of pupil voice.

If you would like to attend, please book in here:

<https://www.universe.com/events/diversity-network-meeting-tickets-SRV925>

Note – this meeting was originally due to take place on 21/11 but had to be postponed at short notice due to illness.

Spring Term Subject Leader Network Meetings

The following Subject Leader Network meetings are now available to book via our booking platform, Universe. Click on the hyperlinks below for further details/to book in:

- Diversity Network – [Thursday 23rd January, 1.00pm to 3.00pm](#) * see the item above for more information*
- RE Network – [Monday 27th January, 3.30pm to 4.30pm](#)
- History Network – [Tuesday 28th January, 1.30pm to 3.30pm](#)
- Music Network – [Thursday 30th January, 2.00pm to 4.00pm](#)
- Phonics Network – [Monday 3rd February, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#)
- PSHE Network – [Wednesday 5th February, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#)
- Languages Network – [Thursday 6th February, 3.45pm to 5.15pm](#)
- Curriculum Leads Network – [Friday 7th February, 1.00pm to 3.30pm](#)
- Geography Network – [Monday 10th February, 1.15pm to 4.15pm](#)
- Computing Network – [Monday 10th February, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- Early Years Network – [Thursday 13th February, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- PE, School Sport and Physical Activity Network – [Monday 24th February 1.15pm to 3.15pm](#)
- English Network – [Wednesday 26th February, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)
- Art Network – [Thursday 27th February, 1.00pm to 3.30pm](#)
- Assessment Leads Network – [Friday 28th February, 1.00pm to 3.30pm](#)
- Design and Technology Network – [Tuesday 4th March, 2.00pm to 4.00pm](#)
- Inclusion Network – [Thursday 13th March, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- Science Network – [Monday 17th March, 1.00pm to 4.00pm](#)

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

- [Tuesday 4th February, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)

If you have any queries or if you experience any issues when using these booking links, please let [Emily](#) know.