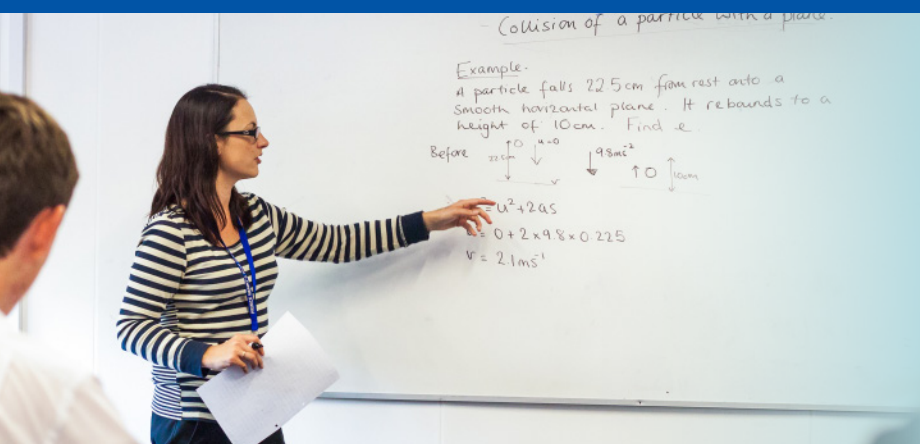




“A good teacher explains. A superior teacher demonstrates. A great teacher inspires.”

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Happy New Year!

Welcome to the first edition of our termly newsletter for strategic and partner schools. I hope it will give you a flavour of the work of the Teaching School since our designation in May 2014 and ways in which you can both support, participate in, and benefit from having a Teaching School Alliance in South Worcestershire.

I would particularly like to thank our strategic partners in supporting our application and meeting with us since, to explore areas where we can support local schools.

It has been a frenetic but exciting time for all involved!

If you would like to know more about any aspect of the Teaching School, are interested in getting involved in some of the projects mentioned here, or would like to use our new conference centre, please contact us at:

teachingschool@princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk

Have a great term and many thanks for your support.

Mrs H Wood
Deputy Head i/c Teaching School

Future Events:

- Strategic Partner Board Meeting
Thurs 15th Jan 2015 at 2pm
- NPQSL Launch
Fri 16th Jan 2015 at 9.30am
- Beyond NQT - Marking
Tues 27th Jan 2015 at 4pm

All Events held at The Alex Gregory Sports Pavilion & Conference Centre

We are proud to work with the following Strategic Partners in our local area:





Some Introductions

Prince Henry's Teaching School Alliance is fully committed to raising the achievement of the young people in our schools and providing high quality teaching training as well as professional development. We are proud to have a range of expert staff who are focused on achieving these goals and are keen to share their expertise with others. They are looking forward to working with you.

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Our New Facilities

The Alex Gregory Sports Pavilion and Conference Centre

Those of you who have visited us recently will know that we refurbished the Pavilion in order to create a conference centre. We are delighted with the result. The conference centre can accommodate over 40 delegates, has its own car park, is fully equipped with AV facilities, it's own kitchen, and a beautiful view over the playing fields!

It is already being used for all our CPD/ITT professional studies and many of our meetings. We are working with AQA who have used it as a venue in the Evesham area.

As partner schools, we would warmly welcome you to use the facility. If you are interested in booking the space for meetings or CPD please contact Mrs R Fenney (Teaching School Administrator) at:

teachingschool@princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk



Continuing Professional Development

SEN Conference - Meeting their Needs, making it Special

The new SEND Code of Practice introduced in September 2014 provided the theme for our SEN Conference on 1st December 2014 here at PHHS. In addition to reviewing new requirements throughout the day, speakers delivered practical strategies designed to support pupils with SEN in mainstream classrooms. Over 100 delegates from 14 schools attended workshops focussing on Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Differentiation, Communication Needs, Emotion Coaching, Autism, Effective Behaviour Management and Building Learning Power and a keynote speech by Lorraine Petersen OBE. Our sincere thanks to all our presenters for sharing their expertise and making the day so successful.

Would you like to get involved in delivering CPD to our partners?

At the end of the summer term Mrs C Fisher, our CPD lead, is hoping to arrange some subject specific curriculum network training in English, Maths and Science. If you have colleagues with particular expertise in these areas who would be interested in contributing to this please contact Mrs C Fisher on clf@princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk





NPQH/NPQSL/ML

Thanks to all partner schools who responded to our email in the Autumn term to express an interest in these professional qualifications. We have joined with Edge Hill University and we will be offering the NPQSL at Prince Henry's from January. Please publicise these important dates to any colleagues interested in participating:

NPQSL Launch	Friday 16th January 2015
Closing the Gap (Core Module)	Wednesday 4th March 2015
Succeeding in Senior Leadership (Core Module)	Wednesday 10th June 2015
Effective Whole School Management	Tuesday 29th September 2015
Improving the Quality of Teaching	Wednesday 25th November 2015

For further information about any of these courses go to:

<http://www.edgehill.ac.uk/leadershipacademy/about/>

School to School Support

Specialist Leaders of Education (SLEs)

In November we advertised and recruited Specialist Leaders of Education (SLEs) in the following areas: English, Science, Initial Teacher Training, and ICT. Applicants were asked to make a presentation and go through a formal interview process. We would like to thank South Bromsgrove Teaching School for supporting us with the interviews and designation of our SLEs.

Nuala Barker (our STSS Lead) has been working closely with the English Depts at St.Egwins and Bredon Hill Middle school and during the Autumn Term began a project designed to maximise students' progress across the transition from Middle to High School. So far, Middle School teachers have observed Year 9 English lessons across the whole ability range in order to inform and advise High School teachers about the most effective strategies to ensure a smooth and successful transition to GCSE. Subject leaders from all 3 schools will meet with all those teachers involved in the project in January to share good practice and lessons learned. High School teachers who have been observed will visit their Middle School partners' Year 8 lessons following this meeting.





Middle School Reading Buddies

Sixth Form students from Years 12 and 13 have been working alongside the Head of English and Teaching Assistants at St Egwin's to support students in Years 6 – 8 who are struggling with their reading.

Every Wednesday afternoon during Elective Studies trained students have buddied up with younger students to encourage them and boost their confidence and skills in retrieval, inference, understanding and interpretation.

If you have students who are struggling with their reading skills and would like to find out more about the ways the Reading Buddies can get involved, please contact Mrs N Barker on nb@princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk

ITT

The South Worcestershire ITT Consortium - School Direct

Mr A Duffy (our ITT lead and Professional Mentor from Droitwich Spa High School) has been leading on this for our consortium (PHHS, Droitwich, Pershore and The De Montfort school). We have adopted the name The South Worcestershire ITT Consortium and have been allocated 12 places for 2015/16. The Vale of Evesham school is also a Lead school for School Direct in our local area and together we are offering Professional studies for this years' candidates.

If you would like to join the consortium, or find out more about applying for SD places in your own school please email Mr A Duffy on duffya@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk who will let you know what is involved and put you in touch with the right colleagues at the University of Worcester.





Research and Development (RD)

We are currently working with South Bromsgrove Teaching School and Trinity High School in delivering Core Maths to our Year 12 pupils. This is a two year project which will have a significant impact upon the final specifications that are accredited by Ofqual for 2016. For more information please contact Belle Summers (Deputy Head of Maths)

bs@princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk

'Closing the Gap'

We have successfully bid for funding to participate in 'Closing the Gap, Test and Learn' CfBT with our strategic partners St. Egwin's C of E Middle School and Pershore High School. Colleagues from each of our schools will be trained in using Carol Dweck's Growth Mindsets and will be trialling them with our pupil premium pupils imminently. We will update you on the outcomes at the end of the summer term and if successful, will be looking to share these strategies with our partner schools.



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