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## BIDS FOR STRATEGIC SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT FUNDING

A successful bid for Government funding will enable the Teaching School to implement a Mentoring Support programme for early career teachers in the next academic year. The Department for Education is investing £30 million in tailored support to help schools which are facing severe recruitment and retention challenges. Helen Argall, Cornwall Teaching School Lead, said: "An important aspect to this programme is that it will be directed at early career teachers, namely those in year 2 to 4 of their career, in a bid to tackle this very serious problem. A lot of schools are finding it harder to fill posts and many are struggling to retain and develop the teachers they have. Career and skill development is a priority of our activity and our programme will deliver high quality training and support in an effort to address this issue." The Teaching School has already successfully bid for funding to deliver the Strength in Numbers maths project and further bids to the Strategic School Improvement Fund are planned.

## Developing Teaching Assistants and Volunteers

Truro and Penwith College offer the Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools which is aimed at new, inexperienced TAs and those volunteering in a TA position. The Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support in Teaching and Learning Schools is designed for more experienced TAs who are able to work with more autonomy. There are a number of funding options available for these courses including: apprenticeships, loans and fee remissions - please contact Hannah Hopkins ([hannahh@truro-penwith.ac.uk](mailto:hannahh@truro-penwith.ac.uk)) 01872 308295 for further details. The Higher Level Teaching Assistant is recognised as a valuable school resource when deployed effectively - Truro and Penwith College is the sole provider in Cornwall for this programme. For further information on any of these courses please contact Hannah Hopkins.

## MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

- 17<sup>th</sup> May – Subject Leadership NQT Twilight, Truro College
- 11<sup>th</sup> June – Virtues in Education NQT Twilight, Truro College
- 12<sup>th</sup> June – Final Twilight for Women in Leadership Programme, Truro
- 20<sup>th</sup> June – Excellent Teacher Programme, Truro College
- 5<sup>th</sup> July – NQT Induction Tutor Training at Bridge MAT, Bodmin
- 12<sup>th</sup> July – Wellbeing Training Event, Truro College

More information on our training events is available from the website at [www.cornwallteachingschool.org](http://www.cornwallteachingschool.org)

## 'INSPIRATIONAL' SENIOR LEADERSHIP COURSE

The Women into Senior Leadership course for 2018 – Taking the Next Steps, Am I Good Enough? – was a huge success this year with more than 20 women from primary and secondary schools across Cornwall taking part in the programme. With wonderful support from Wadebridge School, we were able to provide a packed programme of training sessions as well as a two day residential which many delegates commented as being 'inspirational.' I must also thank the schools who generously hosted placements and the visiting female leaders who shared their experiences at the residential in Newquay. The programme has become an integral part of the Teaching School's training provision and we look forward to repeating it again next year.

## TEACHING LEARNING IN THE CLASSROOM CONFERENCE

With keynote addresses from Marc Rowland – former Director of Policy and Research for the National Education Trust – and Professor Jonathan Sharples – a Senior Research Analyst with the Education Endowment Foundation – the Teaching Learning in the Classroom Conference at Truro College last month was a resounding success. The event was organised in collaboration with the Education Endowment Foundation and Kingsbridge Research School and attracted around 50 delegates from across Cornwall and Devon.

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