



THE MILLAIS ALLIANCE

In partnership for success



National Teaching School

July 2012

Dear Colleagues

The end of our first year as a Teaching School draws to an end, and it seems as though we have come a long way in such a short period of time. As you can see we have decided to slightly shorten the title of our Alliance to The Millais Alliance (TMA), and have created a new logo which we will use on all of our documentation. We are now no longer the only school in West Sussex to be a Teaching School and would like to congratulate Bishop Luffa in the south of the county as a newly designated Teaching School in April this year. We continue to support four other schools seeking designation across both East and West Sussex and look forward to having other alliances to work with to form an even greater network across our region.

Shirley Springer

Teaching School Director

New member!

Welcome to Durrington High School who is our newest member of The Millais Alliance.

Peer to peer review

The Peer to Peer review pilot has taken place and we visited Barnet in North London to review the Teaching School work of The Compton School. We were then reviewed by Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School from Rochester in Kent who came to look at the progress we have made as a Teaching School. As expected, it was interesting to meet new colleagues and much was gleaned from our conversations—we learned as much from just talking and networking with leaders from other schools as we did from the formal process. The Peer to Peer review process will be evaluated at a meeting later on in the month in London.

Leadership Development

We will be offering courses that develop leadership skills at all levels and working closely with HEI partners to accredit the work at Masters Level.

STOP PRESS!

Michael Gove's recent announcement that there would be a push towards a more school-led systems in Initial Teacher Training will have implications for all schools. Link for further details:- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-18427512>

Membership on Teams

If any senior members of staff are interested in joining working groups leading on the key areas of the Teaching School agenda—ITT, CPD, Leadership, School to School Support and Research & Development—then they should contact Shirley Springer at Millais School. shirley.springer@millais.org.uk



Team News

Research and Development

Research and Development enables teachers to become reflective practitioners and so forms the basis for much of our work. One new initiative that will be launched in the autumn term is an action research project for those teachers who have completed their NQT year and are in their first three years of teaching. If you are interested in taking part in the project 'The use of social media in teaching' please contact the Team Leader, Paul Ticehurst from Oathall School, for further information. pticehurst@wsgfl.org.uk

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CPD

Alliance Training Programme

The CPD team have been working hard to create a collaborative Alliance offer which will be offered through ePD from September 2012. Training programmes will include Leadership, Joint Practice Conferences across all subjects (including support staff) and how to gain the Quality Mark for CPD for your school.

Outstanding Facilitators

Our mission is to have all schools with high quality teachers—who are either 'Good' or 'Outstanding', ensuring that all children in our locality have the best possible education. The three accredited Outstanding Facilitator Trainers in our Alliance are planning courses to support teachers to go from 'Good to Outstanding' in the Outstanding Teacher Programme (OTP), and to help move teachers to 'Good' in the Improving Teacher Programme (ITP). These intensive courses are extremely successful at developing the teaching skills of teachers and improving their performance. The evidence is clear that the impact of these programmes has been profound and sustainable and helps to raise standards. The feedback from delegates who have taken part in the programme in other schools has been excellent.

There will be three courses held during the year: Two OTP to be held in the autumn and summer terms and one ITP to be held in the Spring Term.



School to School Support

Specialist Leaders in Education (SLEs) are now being deployed across the Alliance in outreach support work.

In addition to SLEs, we are also seeking Lead Practitioners - either from support or teaching staff - who can be put on the Alliance 'Directory of Expertise'. This will facilitate expertise and sharing of good practice. There will be an Alliance training programme offered to these practitioners to help them build up their outreach skills ready to work with colleagues in other schools.

Nominations **from Headteachers only** to Caroline Rhind who will send further information.

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ITT—Primary Experience Placements (PEP)

The Teaching Agency has launched its **new Primary Experience Programme**, focusing on high quality males wanting to enter Primary teaching. Ten day placements are available to eligible males to be taken in the Autumn 2012 and Spring 2013 terms.

Primary Schools will earn up to £375 per placement, depending on its length, and will additionally be reimbursed the cost of each CRB check.

Multiple placements are encouraged as they often increase the whole experience for participants, teachers and schools. A block booking bonus of £500 is offered for every booking of five or more people starting at any one time. Schools can sign up to host placements at <http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/careers/traininganddevelopment/initial/b00210494/pep>

This follows on from the Secondary Experience Placement (SEP) which has been running in secondary schools for the past year. Any school is interested in how this operates in practice, contact Caroline Rhind at Millais School who offered 53 SEP placements this year.



New members

Any school who would like support in any of the five key areas or is interested in collaborative work and wishes to join the Alliance, should contact the Teaching School Director, Shirley Springer at Millais School. email: shirley.springer@millais.org.uk