

Programme

May I begin by wishing everyone a Happy New Year! It was a busy time as always, leading up to the Christmas break, but I was able to confirm your contrasting placements and also send out the rota for the PRU visits this term. Alongside the newsletter, I've attached the 'Design Brief' for those visits, which will, I hope, put the visits into a clearer context for you all. The visits are something that is not widely on offer to ITE trainees at other providers, and our trainees have always found them really useful in the past. They have served as valuable sources of evidence for trainees' PG Cert assignments and are also a great opportunity to dispel some of the myths surround PRUs.

This week's Friday session is given over to you for working on your PG Cert assignments, the first of which is to be completed for the end of the half term break. Please note that there was a mistake on the Programme Outline document and next week's PG Cert session led by Mark Sutcliffe is at Alder Grange and not at Edge Hill as originally shown.

I'm also looking forward to introducing you all to Yvonne Cox, our new SCITT Administrator who has begun work this week.

Week beginning	School Weeks	Monday - Thursday	Friday	Notes
8 Jan 18	17	Home school 50% of NQT timetable	12.1.18 Professional Studies and Education Day Minor Specialism Focus on Assignment writing – opportunity to spend the day at the library at EHU Opportunities for further PRU/DSEN school visit	Link Tutor review 2
15 Jan 18	18	Home school 50% of NQT timetable	19.1.18 Professional Studies and Education Day ⑤ at Alder Grange AM: Module 2 Case Study, Module 2 Discussion of Learning Outcomes and Assessment requirements. Introduction to relevant activities/materials on the Edge Hill VLE	
22 Jan 18	19	Home school 50% of NQT timetable Thursday 25th January SCITT Evaluation Forum 2 Board and Students 4pm Rooms 9-10 ag6 building	26.1.18 Professional Studies and Education Day Venue: Marsden Heights AM: National Priority: EAL	Progress Assessment 3 Graded Against the Standards (Friday 26 th January)
			PM: Managing Group Work - JMCL	Link Tutor review 2

Weekly Reading

Unit 5.3 from Capel, S, Leask, M. and Turner, T. (2013) Learning to teach in the secondary school pp 346-359. The unit is entitled "Teaching Styles & Strategies" from the Unit on Helping Children Learn. I thought that it will help you to refresh the work you will already have covered in the Friday sessions with Vicki, and also give you a chance to reflect on which teaching styles you are finding yourself most comfortable in using. The following chapter on research and evidence-based practice is also very good, co-authored as it is by my old PGCE tutor Tony Liversidge ☺.

Subject Coach Focus

The Progress Assessment 3, which is graded against the Teacher Standards, is due to be completed by Friday 26th January.

School Leads

Ahead of the Link Tutor visits, now might be a good time for encouraging the trainees to ensure their three folders are up to date and in good order.