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Professional Development Framework

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Dear Colleagues,



Welcome to the Hsis publication, 'Leadership in Havering: A Professional Development Framework.'

This publication is designed to support governors, school leaders and all school staff in exploring the many CPD opportunities available to the profession.

Long gone are the days when Local Education Authorities were expected to provide pretty much <u>all</u> the CPD opportunities for teachers and leaders within schools. High quality professional development is actually and primarily the responsibility of each individual professional: we each have a duty to ensure that we are professionally equipped to provide the very best experience for the pupils in our care and that we meet or exceed the various professional standards against which we operate.

There are now many excellent sources of CPD for those in the teaching profession:

- > In one's own school
- > Through local clusters, networks, federations, MATs and Teaching Schools
- > Through the Local Authority services (eg Hsis)
- Via regional or national programmes

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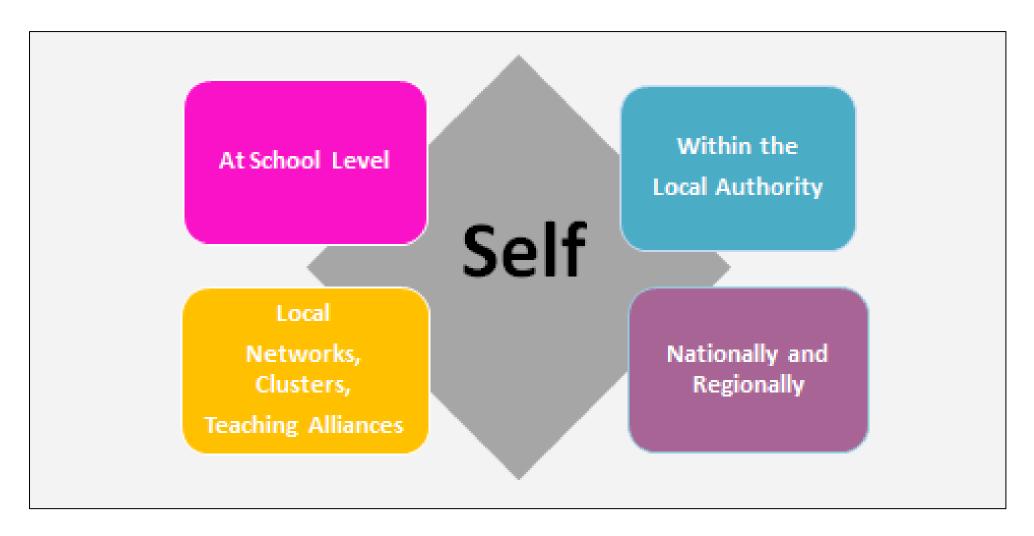
> Through the media: books, tv, downloads, blogs, Twitter, Facebook, etc.

This publication recognises that there are various pathways and routes and that development needs are different according to career stage and ambition. We all need support when we are **aspiring** to a particular role, when we are **new** to the role and we need induction, and when we are **experienced and established**. And the 'ladder' continues as we aspire to the next role up and so on.

You will be able to use this Framework in any way that suits your needs, either for yourself or for those that you line manage and seek to develop. I hope that you find it useful.

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Professional Development Opportunities

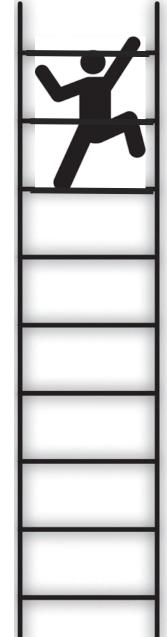


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The following Framework has been adapted for Havering from Lancashire County Council's CPD Framework for Teachers, School Leaders and School Support Staff



Career Stage	Opportunities		
Experienced Headteachers	 NLE, LLE Ofsted training Executive Headship / CEO of a MAT Secondment to Local Authority Mentoring opportunities Contributing to local Leadership Programmes 		
All Headteachers	 Headteacher Consultative Meeting (termly) Headteachers' Conference (annually) Headteachers' Forum (termly) Ofsted training Peer Review Contributing to local Leadership Programmes 		
New Headteachers	 New Headteachers' Network and Induction Programme New Headteacher Mentor Programme Role within Cluster 		





Career Stage	Opportunities	
Experienced DHT/AHT and Aspiring Headteachers	 NPQH Aspiring Leaders Programme Leadership Development Programme Ofsted training Associate/Interim Headship DHT Mentoring opportunities Contributing to local Leadership Programmes 	
All Deputy/Assistant Headteachers	 Deputy/Assistant Headteachers' Forum Deputy/Assistant Headteachers' Conferences NPQSL Contributing to local Leadership Programmes 	
New DHT/AHT	New Deputy Headteacher Mentor ProgrammeNPQSL	



Career Stage	Opportunities	
Experienced Middle Leaders and Aspiring DHT / AHT	 ➢ Aspiring to Deputy Headship course ➢ NPQSL or NPQML ➢ SLE training ➢ Subject/Aspect/Phase Network Meetings ➢ Contributing to local middle leadership programmes 	
All Middle Leaders	 Subject Leader Networks Subject Leadership Development Training (English, Maths, Computing) Phase/Aspect Leader Networks NPQML 	
New Middle Leaders	 Subject Leadership Development Training (English, Maths, Computing) New Middle Leader Mentor Programme Professional Learning Partners (PLP) Course 	
Career Stage	Opportunities	
Those Aspiring to Leadership	 Leaders of the Future programme Subject Leadership Development Training (English, Maths, Computing) 	





Established Headteachers

At a school level	In local networks and Teaching Alliances	Within the Local Authority	Nationally & Regionally
 School-based innovation Pursue an action plan to achieve 'grade boundary' improvement Develop leaders in your own school Work with and help to develop an outstanding governing body Proactive engagement with your own Appraisal and development Maintain an ongoing professional portfolio Undertake action research at a leadership level Engage in shadowing and secondment opportunities Take on a trainee headteacher in your school Undertake a course of accredited study (eg MA) 	 Contribute to the management and/or programmes from the Teaching Schools Develop/lead informal local networks (eg by school type, priorities, area etc) Lead initiatives within a cluster or MAT Work with leaders in other agencies (eg health; safeguarding; HR etc) Support local schools in difficulty / challenging circumstances Undertake learning visits to other schools Host teachers and leaders from other schools Develop supportive crossphase links (infant-junior; junior-secondary etc) Arrange/lead peer reviews with local headteachers 	 Leadership & Management training programmes, courses, conferences HT Consultative Meeting (termly) Involvement in the Havering Academy of Leadership Headteacher Forums (Hsis) Annual Headteachers' Conference Secondment to the Local Authority Training in statutory and core duties of senior leaders (eg safeguarding, H&S, diversity) Professional dialogue with Strategic Lead / SIP / RSC Lead courses for others in an area of your expertise Contribute to LA steering groups, committees & local consortia Contribute to New Headteacher programme (induction, mentoring) Undertake Associate Headship Mentoring and coaching of others (eg Aspiring Leaders Programme) Undertake leadership/project development activity with other professionals Write up/publish action research Support the LA in delivery of Inset Support the LA's QA peer reviews 	 Maintain a cutting-edge knowledge of national initiatives and developments Apply for National Leaders of Education Programme (NLE) Apply for Local Leaders of Education Programme (LLE) Train as an Ofsted inspector Talented Leaders Programme Diocesan Programmes for leaders (BRES) Subject Association CPD events Professional Association CPD Executive headship training Host trainee heads (NPQH) NCTL courses and accreditations Websites (Ofsted, DfE, NCTL, LGfL, ASCL, SSAT, etc) Attend regional Conferences Join Leadership Networks, real and virtual Visit centres of excellence and outstanding provision Twitter accounts to follow - for example Ofsted, DfE, The Guardian, etc



New Headteachers

At a school level	In local networks and Teaching	Within the Local Authority	Nationally & Regionally
 Know key contact details Pursue an action plan to achieve 'grade boundary' improvement Share plans with 'critical friend' (eg another HT, Strategic Lead/SIP) Develop leaders in your own school around your own vision and philosophy Take on a trainee headteacher in your school Work with and help to develop your governing body Proactive engagement with your own Appraisal and development Maintain an ongoing professional portfolio Engage in short-term shadowing opportunities Undertake a whole school review with your Strategic Lead/SIP Commission a 'Health Check' in key areas (eg SEND, Pupil Premium, Early Years, etc) 	 Alliances Undertake focused visits to other schools Partnered 'learning walks' in other schools Contribute to and attend the programmes from the Teaching Schools Attend and contribute to the running of local networks Take part in initiatives within a cluster or MAT Work with leaders in other agencies (eg health; safeguarding; HR etc) Host teachers and leaders from other schools Foster informal partnerships with other local Headteachers 	 Mentoring from an experienced headteacher New Headteachers' Induction Programme New Headteachers' Network HT Consultative Meeting (termly) Headteacher Forums (Hsis) Annual Headteachers' Conference Involvement in the Havering Academy of Leadership Professional dialogue with Strategic Lead and/or SIP Leadership & Management training programmes, courses, conferences Termly subject/phase networks as necessary Annual Conferences (eg Early Years, SEND) Training in statutory and core duties of senior leaders (e.g. safeguarding, health & safety, diversity) Seek CPD support/advice from Havering School Improvement Services (Hsis) 	 Maintain a cutting-edge knowledge of national initiatives and developments Train as an Ofsted inspector Diocesan Programmes for leaders (BRES) Subject Association CPD events Professional Association CPD events Attend regional Conferences NCTL courses and accreditations Join Leadership Networks, real and virtual Visit centres of excellence and outstanding provision Websites (Ofsted, DfE, NCTL, LGfL, ASCL, SSAT, etc) Twitter accounts to follow - for example Ofsted, DfE, The Guardian, etc



Experienced Deputy / Assistant Headteacher

At a school level	In local networks and Teaching	Within the Local Authority	Nationally & Regionally
	Alliances		
 Undertake action research at a leadership level Lead school-based innovation Spend time as Acting Headteacher and be clear what you have learnt Shadow the headteacher Observe meetings of the governing body Plan and manage a recruitment and selection process Lead and manage opportunities for whole-school CPD Evaluate whole-school data and contribute to the SEF Develop an understanding of the school's budget and budget management systems Lead a 'Learning Walk' Develop middle leaders in school 		 Leadership & Management Training programmes, courses, conferences Involvement in the Havering Academy of Leadership Aspiring Leaders' Programme (aspiring to eventual headship) Deputy Headteacher Conferences Deputy Headteacher Forum Termly subject/phase networks as necessary Annual Conferences (eg Early Years, SEND) Training in statutory and core duties of senior leaders (e.g. safeguarding, health & safety, diversity) Be a mentor to new Deputy or Assistant Heads/middle leaders Support the LA delivery of Inset 	 Maintain a cutting-edge knowledge of national initiatives and developments NPQH Train as an Ofsted inspector Future Leaders Programme Diocesan Programmes for leaders (BRES) Subject Association CPD events Professional Association CPD events Attend regional Conferences NCTL courses and accreditations Join Leadership Networks, real and virtual Visit centres of excellence and outstanding provision Websites (Ofsted, DfE, NCTL, LGfL, ASCL, SSAT, etc) Twitter accounts to follow - for
 Liaise with external agencies Proactively engage with your own Appraisal Maintain an ongoing professional portfolio Undertake a course of accredited 	other local deputies/assistants	 Seek CPD support/advice from Havering School Improvement Services (Hsis) Look for opportunities to act as an Associate Headteacher or Associate DHT in other schools 	example Ofsted, DfE, The Guardian, etc
study (eg MA)		Appraisal reviewer training	



New Deputy / Assistant Headteacher

At a school level	In local networks and Teaching	Within the Local Authority	Nationally & Regionally
	Alliances		
Understand the Headteacher's	Train as an SLE	Aspiring Leaders' Programme	Consider NPQH
vision and plans for the school	NPQSL	(aspiring to eventual headship)	Consider training as an Ofsted
Have a full overview of the	 Undertake focused visits to other 	 Aspiring to Deputy Headship 	inspector
school's performance in all key	schools	course (for middle leaders and	Future Leaders Programme
areas - plus evidence to support	 Partnered 'learning walks' in 	assistant heads)	Diocesan Programmes for leaders
 Talk to key staff to learn their 	other schools	New Deputy / Assistant	(BRES)
plans – what they think is	 Attend the programmes from the 	Headteacher Mentor Programme	Subject Association CPD events
working and not working	Teaching Schools	Deputy Headteacher Conferences	 Professional Association CPD
Know key contact details if/when	 Attend local networks 	Deputy Headteacher Forum	events
covering HT's absence	 Take part in initiatives within a 	(termly)	Attend regional Conferences
 Undertake some action research 	cluster or MAT	 Involvement in the Havering 	NCTL courses and accreditations
at a leadership level	 Work with leaders in other 	Academy of Leadership	 Join Leadership Networks, real
 Lead school-based innovation 	agencies (eg health;	Leadership & Management	and virtual
 Spend time as Acting 	safeguarding; HR etc)	Training programmes, courses,	Visit centres of excellence and
Headteacher and be clear what	 Host teachers and leaders from 	conferences	outstanding provision
you have learnt	other schools	Termly subject/phase networks	Websites (Ofsted, DfE, NCTL,
Shadow the headteacher	 Foster informal partnerships with 	 Annual Conferences (eg Early 	LGfL, ASCL, SSAT, etc)
Observe meetings of the	other local deputies/assistants	Years, SEND)	Twitter accounts to follow - for
governing body	 Find out who is doing your work 	 Training in statutory and core 	example Ofsted, DfE, The
 Lead and manage opportunities 	in other local schools	duties of senior leaders (e.g.	Guardian, etc
for whole-school CPD		safeguarding, health & safety,	
Evaluate whole-school data and		diversity)	
contribute to the SEF		Be a mentor to new middle	
Liaise with external agencies		leaders	
 Proactively engage with own 		Support the LA delivery of Inset	
Appraisal		Seek CPD support/advice from	
Maintain an ongoing professional		Havering School Improvement	
portfolio		Services (Hsis)	



Experienced Middle Leaders

At a school level	In local networks and Teaching	Within the Local Authority	Nationally & Regionally
	Alliances		
Take on the role of NQT	Train as an SLE	 Involvement in the Havering 	Subject Association CPD events
Induction Tutor	NPQSL	Academy of Leadership	 Professional Association CPD
Lead a core subject	NPQML	Aspiring Leaders' Programme	events
 Analyse and discuss school 	 Attend or contribute to the 	(aspiring to eventual headship)	Diocesan Programmes for leaders
performance data beyond own	programmes from the Teaching	 Aspiring to Deputy Headship 	(BRES)
specialism with a member of SLT	Schools	course (for middle leaders and	Attend regional Conferences
Support new middle leaders as	Undertake visits to other schools	assistant heads)	Join Leadership Networks, real
coach/mentor	 Host teachers from other schools 	Termly Subject Leader Networks	and virtual
Shadow an Assistant or Deputy	Take on a leadership role within	Termly Aspect/Phase Leader	Visit centres of excellence and
Headteacher	local networks	Networks	outstanding provision
Contribute to school-based	Partnered 'learning walks' in	Hsis Subject Leadership	Websites (Ofsted, DfE, NCTL,
innovation / action research	other schools focusing on your	Development Training (English,	LGfL, ASCL, SSAT, SENJIT, subject
Make a link with the governing	key areas	Maths, Computing)	associations, etc)
body (through link governors or reports to governors)	Subject Leaders' Network where	 Subject -specific training and development programmes (Hsis) 	Twitter accounts to follow - for avample Ofstad, DfF, The
Engage with your own	applicable	 Leadership training 	example Ofsted, DfE, The Guardian, etc
Performance Management and	 Set up Leading Teachers' Networks 	programmes/conferences	Guardian, etc
ensure your PM of others is	 Foster informal partnerships with 	 Annual Conferences (eg English, 	
robust and has an impact	other local subject/aspect/phase	Maths, Computing, Early Years,	
Maintain an ongoing professional	leads	SEND)	
portfolio		 Leading Teacher and Leading 	
 Join a professional association 		Subject Leader opportunities	
Identify and facilitate CPD for		Secondment as an Adviser	
colleagues		Opportunities to engage in an	
Lead INSET		improvement project (e.g.	
 Take responsibility for a budget 		moderation teams; assessment	
		working parties)	
		 Train as an NQT Induction Tutor 	



New Middle Leaders

At a school level	In local networks and Teaching	Within the Local Authority	Nationally & Regionally
	Alliances		
 Analyse and discuss school 	Train as an SLE	Involvement in the Havering	Subject Association CPD events
performance data in own	NPQML	Academy of Leadership	Professional Association CPD
specialism with a member of SLT	 Professional Learning Partners 	 Leadership Development 	events
 Act as an NQT mentor 	(PLP) Programme for new middle	Programme	Middle leadership development
 Be coached by an experienced 	leaders	Middle Leader Mentor	programmes
middle leader	 Attend the programmes from the 	Programme	Diocesan Programmes for leaders
 Shadow an experienced middle 	Teaching Schools	 Termly Subject Leader Networks 	(BRES)
leader	 Undertake visits to other schools 	 Termly Aspect/Phase Leader 	Attend regional Conferences
 Contribute to school-based 	 Host teachers from other schools 	Networks	Join Leadership Networks, real
innovation / action research	 Join and participate in local 	Hsis Subject Leadership	and virtual
Make a link with the governing	networks	Development Training (English,	Visit centres of excellence and
body (through link governors or	 Partnered 'learning walks' in 	Maths, Computing)	outstanding provision
reports to governors)	other schools focusing on your	 Subject -specific training and 	Websites (Ofsted, DfE, NCTL,
 Engage with your own PM 	key area	development programmes (Hsis)	LGfL, ASCL, SSAT, SENJIT, subject
Maintain an ongoing professional	 Subject Leaders' Networks where 	Leadership & Management	associations, etc)
portfolio	applicable	Training programmes, courses,	Twitter accounts to follow - for
 Join a professional association 	 Foster informal partnerships with 	conferences	example Ofsted, DfE, The
 Identify and facilitate CPD 	other local subject/aspect/phase	 Annual Conferences (eg English, 	Guardian, etc
Lead INSET	leads	Maths, Computing, Early Years,	
 Seek support in managing a 	 Find out who is doing your work 	SEND)	
budget	in other local schools	Opportunities to engage in an	
 Seek support in developing 		improvement project (e.g.	
action plans and policies		moderation teams; assessment	
 Identify own training needs and 		working parties)	
those of other staff		Seek CPD support/advice from	
Report to the senior leadership		Havering School Improvement	
team on your area		Services (Hsis)	



Experienced Teachers

At a school level	In local networks and Teaching Alliances	Within the Local Authority	Nationally & Regionally
 Lead a working group on a specific whole-school issue Lead INSET for teachers/TAs Engage with your own PM Develop a wider range of expertise that can be used within and across schools (eg teach in a different key stage; lead a different subject) Take a lead role in Pupil Progress Meetings (PPMs) Shadow a middle leader Take part in a learning walk with a specific focus Discuss school performance data (own class, year group, whole school) with a member of SLT Mentor NQTs or new staff Coach other staff Take responsibility for a budget (e.g. subject, aspect, PTA etc) Act as a Teacher Governor Work with external agencies Maintain a professional portfolio Undertake action research 	 Alliances Attend training and development events via the Teaching Schools or clusters Outstanding Teacher Programme (OTP) Improving Teacher Programme (ITP) Offer to contribute to wider training events Volunteer services to your local cluster (there's always plenty to do!) 	 Involvement in the Havering Academy of Leadership Attend Leaders of the Future courses Hsis Subject Leadership Development Training (English, Maths, Computing) Attend wide range of CPD events run by the LA and Hsis Subject -specific training and development programmes (Hsis) Leadership and Management Training programmes, courses, conferences Annual Conferences (eg Early Years, SEND) Opportunities to engage in an improvement project (e.g. moderation teams; assessment without levels working parties) Seek CPD support/advice from Havering School Improvement Services (Hsis) Act as an Associate Teacher in other schools if opportunity 	 Subject Association CPD events Professional Association CPD events Middle leadership development programmes Diocesan Programmes (BRES) Attend regional Conferences Join Teacher and/or Leadership Networks, real and virtual Visit centres of excellence and outstanding provision Websites (Ofsted, DfE, NCTL, LGfL, ASCL, SSAT, SENJIT, subject associations, etc) Twitter accounts to follow - for example Ofsted, DfE, The Guardian, etc
 Undertake a course of accredited study (Post-Graduate certificate, diploma, MA) 		 volunteer to contribute to/lead local INSET sessions for Hsis	



Teachers

At a school level	In local networks and Teaching Alliances	Within the Local Authority	Nationally & Regionally
 Deepen understanding of teaching and learning (eg welcome coaching, seek advice, be observed, observe others, act on feedback on your teaching) Develop a wider range of expertise to use within schools (eg AfL, phonics, oracy, etc) Engage with your own PM Undertake team-teaching / triads Take part in a learning walk with a specific focus Develop and share new resources Seek support in analysing pupil data for own class/year group Take a positive role in Pupil Progress Meetings (PPMs) Contribute to staff meetings Support a trainees in your class Take responsibility for a budget 	 Alliances Observe teaching in other contexts (e.g. different phase, catchment, special school etc) Network with other teachers teaching the same year groups (eg to co-plan, assess work etc) Engage with a Specialist Leader of Education (SLE) Attend training and development events via the Teaching Schools or clusters Outstanding Teacher Programme (OTP) Improving Teacher Programme (ITP) Offer to contribute to wider training events Volunteer services to your local cluster (there's always plenty to do!) 	 Involvement in the Havering Academy of Leadership Attend wide range of CPD events run by the Local Authority and Hsis Attend Leaders of the Future courses Subject -specific training and development programmes (Hsis) Leadership and Management Training programmes, courses, conferences Annual Conferences (eg English, Maths, Computing, Early Years, SEND) Offer services in your specialism to LA inspector/adviser Opportunities to engage in an improvement project (e.g. moderation teams; assessment 	 Subject Association CPD events Professional Association CPD events Middle leadership development programmes Diocesan Programmes (BRES) Attend regional Conferences Join Teacher and/or Leadership Networks, real and virtual Visit centres of excellence and outstanding provision Websites (Ofsted, DfE, NCTL, LGfL, ASCL, SSAT, SENJIT, subject associations, etc) Twitter accounts to follow - for example Ofsted, DfE, The Guardian, etc
 (e.g. subject, aspect, PTA etc) Act as a Teacher Governor Work with external agencies Maintain a professional portfolio Undertake action research Undertake a course of accredited 	 Take part in activities of a local network - possibly leading on an aspect of your personal strength Undertake a partnered learning walk in other schools Join a Subject/Aspect Leaders' 	working parties) • Seek CPD support/advice from Havering School Improvement Services (Hsis)	
study (Post-Graduate certificate, diploma, MA)	Network to gain expertise / specialism		



Newly Qualified Teachers

At a school level	In local networks and Teaching	Within the Local Authority	Nationally & Regionally
 Learn from others! Engage with support from your induction tutor Engage with your own PM Participate in your school-based induction programme Sustain your career entry and development profile Deepen understanding of teaching strategies (e.g. welcome coaching, seek advice, be observed, observe others teach, act on feedback on your teaching) Be supported in using data for your own class to plan learning Lead support staff in planning for pupils' learning Identify openly your own areas for development Develop, share and seek feedback on new resources Take a positive role in Pupil Progress Meetings (PPMs) Participate in a working group on a specific whole-school issue Contribute to staff meetings Undertake team-teaching Use release time to support CPD 	 Attend NQT training and development events via the Teaching Schools or clusters Improving Teacher Programme (ITP) Observe teaching in similar contexts (e.g. phase, catchment, subject, etc) Network with other teachers (e.g. other NQTs, other teachers teaching the same year groups) Engage with a Specialist Leader of Education (SLE) Take part in the activities of a local network Undertake a partnered learning walk in other schools Take part in the activities and joint-research of a local network 	 Attend NQT Induction Courses - wide range of courses run by the Hsis Subject -specific training and development programmes (Hsis) Annual Conferences (eg English, Maths, Computing, Early Years, SEND) Opportunities to engage in an improvement project (e.g. moderation teams; assessment without levels working parties) Seek CPD support/advice from Havering School Improvement Services (Hsis) Seek support from the Hsis NQT Induction Lead Inspector (01708 433813) 	 Subject Association CPD events Professional Association NQT events Diocesan NQT and general teaching programmes (BRES) Attend regional Conferences Join Teacher Networks, real and virtual Visit centres of excellence and outstanding provision Websites (Ofsted, DfE, NCTL, LGfL, ASCL, SSAT, SENJIT, subject associations, etc) Twitter accounts to follow - for example Ofsted, DfE, The Guardian, etc



Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTAs)

At a school level	In local networks and Teaching	Within the Local Authority	Nationally & Regionally
	Alliances	·	, , ,
 Engage with own Performance Management Maintain a professional portfolio Act as role model to other TAs Coach and Mentor other TAs Support the induction of new TAs Line manage and/or co-ordinate other TAs Develop and maintain an area of expertise within the school. Work with external support agencies Contribute to school-based innovations Make a positive contribution to staff meetings Develop a deeper understanding of teaching and learning strategies (eg by INSET, observations, discussions, etc) Join a professional association 	 Visit other schools. Observe TAs in other contexts (eg different phase, special school, etc). Attend TA/HLTA local network meetings via clusters or Teaching School events Network with other support staff in school Take part in the activities of a local network Undertake a partnered learning walk in other schools 	 Role specific training e.g. management skills for HLTAs and TAs Attend specialist courses for TAs and HLTAs (eg maths, grammar, etc) Level 2 and 3 Teaching Assistant Courses (Adult College) Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support (Adult College) Level 3 Certificate in Cover Supervision (Adult College) Short Courses: Mental Health and Young People; Dyslexia Awareness; Behaviour Management; The Impact of Gender on Learning Support; ADHD, Autism and SEN (Adult College) Makaton Training – 10 sessions for parents, TAs and teachers (CAD Team) ELKLAN Training – 10 sessions of speech and language training focusing on primary secondary and complex needs (CAD Team) 	 Become a teacher! School Direct; Teach First Outstanding Teaching Assistant Programme (OTAP) – various providers E-Learning opportunities Links with HE institutions e.g. foundation degree, degree. Links with FE institutions e.g. coaching, mentoring. TA forums on The Times Educational Supplement website Twitter accounts to follow - for example Ofsted, DfE, The Guardian, etc



Teaching Assistants

At a school level	In local networks and Teaching	Within the Local Authority	Nationally & Regionally
	Alliances	,	, , ,
 Engage with own Performance Management Maintain a professional portfolio Support the induction of new TAs Develop and maintain an area of expertise within the school. Work with external support agencies Contribute to school-based innovations Make a positive contribution to staff meetings Develop a deeper understanding of teaching and learning strategies (eg by INSET, observations, discussions, etc) Participate in a working group. Join a professional association 	 Visit other schools. Observe TAs in other contexts (eg different phase, special school, etc). Attend TA local network meetings via clusters or Teaching School events Network with other support staff in school Take part in the activities of a local network 	 Role specific training e.g. management skills for TAs Attend specialist courses for TAs (eg maths, grammar, etc) Level 2 and 3 Teaching Assistant Courses (Adult College) Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support (Adult College) Level 3 Certificate in Cover Supervision (Adult College) Short Courses: Mental Health and Young People; Dyslexia Awareness; Behaviour Management; The Impact of Gender on Learning Support; ADHD, Autism and SEN (Adult College) Makaton Training – 10 sessions for parents, TAs and teachers (CAD Team) ELKLAN Training – 10 sessions of speech and language training focusing on primary secondary and complex needs (CAD Team) 	 Training and preparation towards HLTA status (various providers) Outstanding Teaching Assistant Programme (OTAP) – various providers E-Learning opportunities Links with HE institutions e.g. foundation degree, degree. Links with FE institutions e.g. coaching, mentoring. TA forums on The Times Educational Supplement website Twitter accounts to follow - for example Ofsted, DfE, The Guardian, etc