

“Inspiring others to take care of themselves in order to  
achieve great things”

## Happy New Year and Welcome to the Spring Term, and to the second edition of our A1 Teaching Schools Alliance Newsletter!

Led by Buckden CE Primary School Academy, A1 Teaching School Alliance was established in June 2017 and since then we have been busy actively seeking ways to improve the education and training for all.

The Teaching School is a collaborative network of schools covering Cambridgeshire and North London, who specialise in the Primary Sector. Working within Education we can face many challenges, however by working together, pooling experience and sharing best practice, Alliance members contribute to the collective development and improvement of teaching staff and all young people. The A1 Teaching Schools Alliance is actively developing a wide and varied programme of provision that we can offer and are keen to support and work collaboratively with all schools.

For a list of all of our current CPD opportunities, please see Page 3 of this newsletter, and to get in touch or book a place on one of our training courses, please visit our comprehensive website, [a1teachingschoolsalliance.com](http://a1teachingschoolsalliance.com)

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## News and Events

### Accelerate

The a1 Teaching Schools Alliance is very excited to have been appointed as the delivery hub for the Accelerate programme for this area. Accelerate is a new programme to support early career teachers, run collaboratively by The Education Development Trust and The Chartered College of Teaching. For more information on what is on offer visit [www.accelerate-teaching.co.uk](http://www.accelerate-teaching.co.uk)

### STEM

STEM learning is the largest provider of education and careers support in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). STEM learning and their CPD partners work together to endeavour to deliver high impact, high quality professional development activities for teachers of STEM subjects. In collaboration with STEM learning, here at Buckden Primary Academy, we plan to deliver subject specific CPD to primary science educators. The first course that we plan to deliver will be 'Working Scientifically at KS1', details can be found below. Prior to attending the CPD course, STEM learning ask participants what they would like the CPD to cover, thus offering the chance for the training to be of maximum benefit for participants. STEM have a wide and varied range of cpd on offer, please visit [www.stem.org.uk/cpd](http://www.stem.org.uk/cpd) for more information.

### Driver Youth Trust

We are delighted to be working in collaboration with Driver Youth Trust (DYT) to deliver their Drive for Literacy (DfL) programme. DYT are a national charity committed to improving outcomes for learners who struggle with literacy. For more information please visit [www.driveryouthtrust.com](http://www.driveryouthtrust.com)

## Training courses and Conferences

### [Leading a Mentally Healthy School](#)

5<sup>th</sup> February 2019, 9.00pm – 3.00pm and 5<sup>th</sup> March 3.45pm – 5.30pm

Buckden CE Primary Academy

A course for senior leaders to enable reflections and action planning around whole-school approaches to mental health provision.

£135 for two senior leaders to attend. To book a place visit our website.

### [STEM: Working Scientifically at KS1](#)

25<sup>th</sup> March 1.00pm-4.00pm

Buckden CE Primary Academy

£75 plus VAT. To book a place visit <https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/447441/why-children-need-work-scientifically-key-stage-1-and-howthey-can>

### [Art in the Classroom](#)

12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Clay

18<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Silk Painting and Batik

Buckden CE Primary Academy

Sessions for teachers from all year groups which will provide teachers with all the tools and expertise to create innovative and inspiring art lessons.

£20 per session. To book a place visit our website.

### [Drawing and Talking Foundation Course](#)

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019, 9.00am – 3.00pm

Buckden CE Primary Academy

Drawing and Talking is a safe, easy to learn method of working with pupils, in both primary and secondary schools, to help with underlying emotional difficulties that may be affecting their learning and behaviour.

£150 per person plus VAT. To book a place visit our website.

[Cambsedfest](#) Cambridgeshire festival of Education is on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019. See [www.cambsedfest.com](http://www.cambsedfest.com) for more details and to book your place!

If you would like to know more about A1 Teaching School Alliance or would like to be added to the distribution list –email [office@a1teachingschoolsalliance.com](mailto:office@a1teachingschoolsalliance.com)