

SYMH Primary Update

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There are times in the year when we start to look ahead and despite the fact that we are barely in Spring, over the next few weeks and months is a crucial time for schools to be considering what their developmental focus is for next year how they might engage with Maths Hubs. Perhaps most important is deciding whether to apply to work with a Teaching for Mastery specialist and join the many hundreds of schools nationwide who have already used this as a catalyst for their teaching for mastery developments.

Follow this link to the latest Maths Hub promo video ([Vimeo link](#)) and for more detail on teaching for mastery, including case studies, lesson videos and teacher interviews, see the [NCETM mastery pages](#).

Whilst there are many areas of focus for development, now is also the time to let us at SYMH know if you feel there is an aspect of teaching maths not being addressed.

Best wishes.

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At the heart of Maths Hubs' work is a range of projects and activities that collectively make up the Teaching for Mastery Programme. This is a voluntary programme in which primary teachers and schools receive training, support and resources to help them experience, experiment with, and implement teaching for mastery approaches in maths lessons, and to develop leadership and professional learning approaches that support teachers and pupils in this pursuit.

The principal programme elements include:

- Creating a cadre of [Mastery Specialist](#) primary teachers, expert in their own classrooms and in supporting colleagues in their own and other schools.
- Supporting participant primary schools to take part professional development activities, led by local Mastery Specialist teachers, enabling them to introduce teaching for mastery approaches themselves. By the summer of 2020, more than 8,000 primary schools will receive training and develop practice in this way.
- Giving financial support to these participant schools to help them buy high quality [textbooks](#), consistent with teaching for mastery
- A [teacher exchange programme](#) between English schools and counterparts in Shanghai
- Paying for the creation of new [materials and resources](#) that will help classroom teachers and school leaders implement various elements of teaching for mastery.

Apply to work with a Teaching for Mastery Specialist

Applications are being taken for schools to receive funding to work with the TfM specialists as part of the national programme. An application form will be made available in the coming weeks and schools are encouraged to register their interest so they receive the most up to date information. To express an interest in your school working on Teaching for Mastery with a specialist and other developing schools, please email Georgina Brown at gbrown@symathshub.org.uk

Early Years development opportunity for providers

The South Yorkshire Maths Hub is looking for Early Years providers who would like to participate in a pilot programme of professional development. The programme will run throughout the summer and autumn terms

If you would like to register interest at this stage without committing to anything please email Tara at admin@symathshub.org.uk and we will pass on further details as they are published

Register an interest in becoming a Local Leaders of Maths Education (LLMEs)

For SYMH to facilitate professional development through work groups and other PD activity we are always looking to develop our work force of enthusiastic colleagues committed to supporting the development of others. This group of professionals which may include SLEs, consultants or teachers who aspire to be engaged in outreach work are collectively known as LLMEs. If you would like to widen your experience of working with professionals in other schools please register your interest by emailing Tara at admin@symathshub.org.uk . You do not have to be an SLE or experienced PD lead we are also looking to support the development of aspirant LLMEs of the future.

Tell us your views on local priorities for 2018/9

We are keen to meet the developmental needs for local schools and whilst there are national priorities that will continue to instigate work groups we are also keen for colleagues to bring to our attention areas of development that they feel should be addressed that are not currently a focus of work groups.

Follow [this link](#) for a list of work groups in 2017/18, we expect similar aspects to be the focus of work groups in 2018/9 and we hope to make these more widely available.

If however you feel there is something we are missing please email your thoughts and ideas to psides@symathsub.org.uk and we will look at ways we can possibly use our innovation funding to explore this.

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