

Details of Training and Development Opportunities for Support Staff

Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) Briefings, including information on HLTA with subject specialisms in Maths, Science & Food Technology			
Date	Time	Course Code	Venue
14th June 2010	1.00pm - 3.30pm	10T/01659	University of Surrey, Guildford, GU2 7XH
17th June 2010	10.00am - 12.30pm	10T/01660	Royal Alexandra & Albert School, Reigate, RH2 0TW
3rd November 2010	1.00pm - 3.30pm	10T/01661	The Education Centre, Guildford Cathedral, GU2 7UP
9th November 2010	10.00am - 12.30pm	10T/01662	The Runnymede Centre, Addlestone, KT15 2EP

Primary TA Induction (5 day programme) £10 per day per delegate			
Date	Time	Course Code	Venue
Summer 2010 Cohort 3 starting Wednesday 9th June 2010	9.30am - 3.30 pm	10T/01528	Royal Alexandra & Albert School, Reigate, RH2 0TW
Cohort 1 10/11 starting Tuesday 21st Sept 2010	9.30am - 3.30pm	10T/01802	University of Surrey, Guildford, GU2 7XH
Cohort 2 10/11 starting Thursday 4th Nov 2010	9.30am - 3.30pm	10T/01805	The Runnymede Centre, Addlestone, KT15 2EP and NASUWT offices, Send, GU23 7JZ for Day 2 only
Cohort 3 10/11 starting Tuesday 1st Feb 2010	9.30am - 3.30pm	10T/01804	Royal Alexandra & Albert School, Reigate, RH2 0TW

Secondary TA Induction (2 Core Days and 2 Optional Days Literacy & Maths) £10 per day per delegate			
Date	Time	Course Codes	Venue
Autumn 2010 Core Days 12th Nov & 19th Nov 2010 OR Spring 2011 Core Days 16th Feb & 3rd Mar 2011	9.30am - 3.30pm	10T/01816	Royal Alexandra & Albert School, Reigate, RH2 0TW
	9.30am - 3.30pm	10T/01819	NASUWT Offices, Send, Woking, GU23 7JZ
Autumn 2010 or Spring 2011 Optional Maths Days 24th Nov 2010 or 9th March 2011	9.30am - 3.30pm	10T/01817 (Autumn) 10T/01820 (Spring)	Royal Alexandra & Albert School, Reigate, RH2 0TW (Autumn) NASUWT Offices, Send, Woking, GU23 7JZ (Spring)
Autumn 2010 or Spring 2011 Optional Literacy Days 2nd Dec 2010 or 17th March 2011	9.30am - 3.30pm	10T/01818 (Autumn) 10T/01821 (Spring)	Royal Alexandra & Albert School, Reigate, RH2 0TW (Autumn) Guildford Children's Centre, GU1 1NR (Spring)

The above briefings and training events are available to staff in Surrey maintained Schools. To book your place on any of the above training and development sessions visit www.vtfours.co.uk/cpdonline and search by title, date or course code.

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Teaching Assistant News

Support Staff Celebratory Event March 2010

This year's highly successful and enjoyable Support Staff Celebratory Event for Surrey took place at the Burford Bridge Hotel on the 12th March 2010. Guests from across the county came together to recognize the achievements of support staff in Surrey schools. They included support staff who had been awarded the Support Work in Schools qualification (SWiS) at levels 2 and 3, or the Higher Level Teaching Assistant status (HLTA).



Kevin Hannigan, Workforce Development Consultant VT Group, welcomed guests and spoke about the positive impact that support staff are making in Surrey Schools. He also acknowledged the challenges of undertaking training while working and juggling many personal and professional commitments

Guest Speakers at the event were Jenny Carter, Headteacher, The Churchill School, Kent, and Carolyn Chivers, Headteacher, The Hythe School, Kent. Carolyn spoke about her journey from parent helper to Headteacher under the guidance of Jenny Carter. Jenny spoke about how she mentored Carolyn and encouraged her to

make the transition from parent helper to teacher and then Headteacher. Their speeches were inspirational. Carolyn and Jenny joined Moira Greenfield, Education Consultant, VT Group, to present guests with their certificates of achievement.



Speakers Jenny and Carolyn congratulating attendees on their achievement.

During the evening, the audience were treated to a lively and entertaining performance by the Beacon Singers from The Beacon School.



'The Beacon Singers' led by Emily Assen

Cookery Club is a sizzling success at Dovers Green School Reigate

Two TAs from Dovers Green Infant school in Reigate, Claire Kinstrey and Debbie Parratt, share their experiences of running a cookery club

Last spring an opportunity came up from a National Lottery funded initiative called Let's Get Cooking. The school successfully applied for funding and we both received full training on setting up and running our cookery club with a fantastic range of recipes. All the ingredients and equipment were funded by the National Lottery.

The club is open to Year Two children and hopefully in the summer term it will be open to year one children. The club runs for a five week block throughout the year, the club has been running for nearly a year now and is immensely popular.

The aims of the club

The aims are to teach the children essential skills including cutting and chopping techniques as well as cookery skills such as sautéing, baking etc. Each week we cook something different and focus on a different range of skills.

Parental Involvement

We have run club sessions where the parents have come in and the children have taught them how to cook a recipe. These sessions were a great experience both for the parents and the children.

We recently took part in the national cookathon, the aim being to get as many people cooking the same recipe on the same day, this was met with great enthusiasm from both children and parents, and we even had people in France and Australia taking part.

Popular dishes

Some of our most popular recipes have been Cheesy pasta bake, chicken curry, and a pizza made on a scone base which the children have reported making again and again at home. The recipes are provided for us from Let's Get Cooking and have an emphasis on healthy eating, we encourage the children to eat a balanced diet and try the recipe again at home with their families.

The response to the club is excellent and we are always oversubscribed. The children always come and find us and tell us how nice the food was when they ate it at home, the parents often comment on this too saying they often didn't get a taste as their children had eaten it all before they got a chance!

Claire Kinstrey has worked as an HLTA at Dovers Green Infant School in Reigate for the past six years. Debbie Parratt is currently in the process of preparation for HLTA Assessment and has been working at Dovers Green for the past three years.



TA Network Meetings and Champions Meeting

TA network meetings continue to be successful across Surrey. Each term TA Champions meet to share ideas and discuss ways of developing networks in their area. TA Champions are invited to attend our meetings listed below. New champions will be made very welcome. To book your place at any of these meetings, please visit www.vtfours.co.uk/cpdonline

Please contact wd@vtplc.com for further information about the TA Networks

TA Champions Network Meetings — VT Group

Date	Time	Course Code	Venue
10th June 2010	14.30 — 16.30	09T/00763	St George's Christian Centre, Ashted,

An exciting opportunity for HLTAs in Surrey

The DCSF PSHE Continuing Professional Development Programme has been running successfully in Surrey for the past eight years. Last year saw the successful launch of a pilot project for HLTAs.

Subject to the DCSF's commitment to funding, (currently on hold due to the election) 10 HLTAs will be able to take part in the accredited programme run in partnership between the DCSF, VT Four S and Roehampton University. Over 100 Surrey teachers have already gained this qualification and it has been widely acclaimed as an excellent opportunity to enhance the quality of teaching and learning in PSHE Education in schools.

The DCSF PSHE CPD Programme is supported by the DCSF, Surrey Healthy Schools Team and the Workforce Development Team – four training days are funded; schools will be expected to release staff for further support sessions to help with portfolio development.. Successful participants will be awarded 30 HE1 credits through Roehampton University as a 'Certificate of Professional Practice'.

To find out more about this opportunity and how to apply please come along to a briefing session on the 22nd June start time, 1.45pm – 2.00pm in the Executive Room at West Park Hospital, Horton Lane, Epsom KT19 8PB – please e-mail vivian.stacey@vtplc.com to confirm your attendance.



Surrey HLTAs undertaking the PSHE programme photographed at a recent training day

Behaviour Management for TAs and Cover Supervisors

The Workforce Development team has developed a two day training course for Teaching Assistants, and all staff who support teaching and learning, on Managing and Promoting Good Behaviour.

The sessions will provide an opportunity for staff to take a positive and proactive role in managing pupil behaviour.

To book a place on this training session visit www.vtfours.co.uk/cpdonline and search by course code 10T/01808

This training is delivered over two days and costs £260 + VAT per delegate.

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