



An introduction to the Minster Teaching School Alliance

Who can become a member of the MTSA?

Any school can join the MTSA as long as they share our ethos of collaboration and learning from each other. The MTSA is a voluntary agreement between schools to work together by way of mutual support. There are no structural ties, and no element of sponsorship or control. However, Alliance members make a commitment to be active participants, both in terms of engaging in MTSA activities as participants and providers.

Membership

Each school pays an annual membership fee equivalent to £1 per pupil on role in school at the time of the autumn term census, with a maximum of £900 and a minimum of £50. A Memorandum of Understanding is issued to new members which sets out the roles and responsibilities between each party within the Alliance.

Minster Teaching School Alliance members receive:

- Representation as an equal partner on the MTSA Head Teachers' group, which shapes the MTSA strategic direction and activities
- 10% reduction on all MTSA-run continuing professional and leadership development programmes
- Further reductions for one-off twilight events
- Involvement in and funding for national and local research and development projects
- Participation in the School Direct training programme
- Access to school-to-school support within MTSA (charged individually)
- Nationally recognised designations for outstanding practitioners in your school
- Subsidised participation in Outstanding and Improving Teacher Programmes on a 3 for 2 basis
- Membership of Primary and Secondary hubs, meeting six times each year

In addition the MTSA collaborates with other Teaching Schools, Nottinghamshire Local Authority and the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham on a range of projects which offer opportunities to member schools.

MTSA Activities

Initial Teacher Training

We are committed to identifying, training and supporting outstanding teachers of the future. Working in partnership with the University of Nottingham and Nottingham Trent University, your school can recruit and train teachers through the School Direct training programme. The MTSA offers School Direct trainee positions in primary school, special school and secondary subject specialisms.



Professional Learning

The MTSA offers a range of school-based Professional Learning opportunities to meet the needs of schools within the Alliance. Programmes on offer include the Improving Teacher Programme, Outstanding Teacher Programme, National Professional Qualification for Senior Leaders and Middle Leaders and the nationally recognised and accredited Leadership for Chairs of Governors Programme as well as a range of primary and secondary networks.



As a Teaching School Alliance it is our aim to try and meet the needs of our members. Many of our programmes and twilight training sessions have been provided in response to requests from our members.

School to School Support



The MTSA offers a wide range of support to schools utilising the expertise and outstanding practice of its members. Along with support detailed below we are able to provide bespoke support that responds to the needs of your school.

Deployments can be used to:

- Develop the capacity of middle or senior leaders
- Provide INSET and professional learning
- Review the effectiveness of a department or phase
- Develop the curriculum provision
- Moderate assessment
- Mentor and coach staff
- Improve the quality of teaching and learning



The MTSA has designated a range of system leaders who are available to support school improvement at all levels, including Head Teachers, Senior and Middle Leaders, Teachers and Support Staff. These designations are available to outstanding practitioners in member schools.

The Minster School is also the lead school for the East Midlands East Maths Hub and the Nottinghamshire Music Hub.

Please see our website for further details www.minster.notts.sch.uk

If you are interested in joining the Minster Teaching School Alliance or would like to discuss your membership further, please contact Dave Boothroyd, Director of Teaching School.

We look forward to working with you!