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Pathways



“Really exciting to see colleagues working together and supporting each other.”

“I will be reviewing and updating our own approaches to behaviour, thanks to the inspiring talk by Paul Dix.”

“I will take away the valuable knowledge from the dyscalculia workshop.”

“The keynote from Paul Dix was great. Will definitely try the #shakyhands idea and the ‘I’ve noticed you’ strategy.”

“An excellent conference. I look forward to working with the alliance on other courses offered.”

Inclusion and Behaviour Group

On Thursday 8th March 2018, the Island Teaching Alliance came together for our first Inclusion and Behaviour Conference. We were very excited that Paul Dix was speaking alongside our Island colleagues on a range of approaches and developments to help support teaching and learning on the Isle of Wight. The conference opened with three workshops one of which was on Effective Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) writing, with Heidi and Kate. They took us through easy steps to ensure the information provided on the EHCP form was specific and clarified the support and need of the child. Some good tips and advice were given.

In the ballroom, Medina House provided different strategies for understanding and supporting young people with challenging behaviour. Their approach was to keep it calm and consistent, using a multi-element model. At the same time, Graham was presenting on gender stereotyping in schools, a hot topic in the press. All three presentations were full of good ideas, tried and practised in the classroom by Island teachers.

The second group of workshops included a very informative session on dyscalculia and there was definitely a clear response that more training on this area is needed by our teachers, something we will plan to do in the future for the Island. The Speech and Language Team presented on the needs of children with speech and communication difficulties and first steps to intervention. The final workshop talked about how to work inclusively with SEND pupils in the mainstream setting.

After a superb afternoon tea provided by the students of the Isle of Wight College, we were then treated to a fabulous and truly inspiring presentation from Paul Dix. Paul talked about how challenging behaviour can be and how as adults, we need to change to make a change to the behaviour of our children. His experiences and ideas, from ‘over and above’ wristbands, shaky hands, postcards and phone calls home and hot chocolate Friday were just a few that we all took back to the classroom. Paul entertained and held the room and the response from his audience was full of praise and adulation. We would like to bring Paul back to the Island for a whole day to work with as many staff in our Island schools as possible. If your school would like to be part of this day, then please contact admin@islandteachingalliance.co.uk

We would like to thank the team who supported the Conference and ensured it all ran smoothly. A great afternoon for a great Island.

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“truly inspirational”

Key Dates

23rd May 2018

St George’s Open School and Meet and Magpie

29th June 2018

Leadership Conference Thriving not Surviving!

4th July 2018

Broadlea Primary School Early Years Meet and Magpie

7th November 2018

Early Years Conference - Alistair Bryce Clegg

[Reflection on an NQT Year](#)

The beginning of a Pathway to Success

Rising Stars

The impact of quality training on quality teachers ready to support the Island.

“Ask not what your Island can do for you, but what you can do for your Island.”



A Reflection on an NQT Year - Lucy Wyld

Since starting my NQT year at Lanesend Primary School, I have been fortunate enough to benefit from the support not only of my school mentor, but also from Portswood Teaching School Alliance (PTSA). In particular, I have found it invaluable to attend the termly PTSA NQT conferences and have the opportunity to network with other NQTs from across the region, sharing experience and ideas. The conferences have also provided a variety of additional CPD sessions, both on core and foundation subjects, with hands on opportunities to share best practice and pedagogical approaches. I have also benefitted from taking part in the school visits offered through PTSA, observing teachers and looking at approaches such as maths mastery and assessment for learning. This has enabled me to reflect on, and develop, my own practice as my NQT year has progressed, giving me confidence to try different ideas that I have observed, including ways of providing feedback and developing pupils' self-assessment of their learning. This focus on reflective practice and continuous development, both through PTSA as well as through Lanesend, has helped me continue to progress and develop throughout my NQT year.

Rising Stars

The OTP brought together a group of teachers from island schools who teach a range of age groups to unpick outstanding practice. From analysing lesson plans, creating stimulating starters and becoming a coach to fellow teachers; the OTP supported all teachers in becoming highly reflective and critical of their own practice. The teachers on the OTP took part in learning walks around Lanesend, analysing outstanding teaching. Each teacher also got the opportunity to observe a minimum of two other teachers from the course and be observed themselves, this allowed for coaching and new target setting. The OTP has given teachers the opportunity to reflect more profoundly on their own practice and taught them how to be an effective coach, supporting others to be reflective themselves. It has also supported teachers to consider lesson and task design, ensuring that every lesson has shallow, deep and profound elements for all children in order to enable the best progress. The most significant development has been opportunities to network with a range of island teachers, sharing best practice and resources and being observed by adults unfamiliar to the school and children for the most honest coaching.



The Island Teaching Alliance will be working alongside Portswood Teaching School Alliance in 2018-19 to develop an exciting, bespoke NQT Programme and offer Appropriate Body services. We will be fully accredited to provide service to Isle of Wight Schools as the Appropriate Body for the NQT Training Programme and Appropriate Body Cost for 2018-19 is £650 per NQT. To register your NQTs, email: admin@islandteachingalliance.co.uk

Leadership Conference 29th June 2018

Inspiring Island Leaders

Keynote Speaker:

Damian Hughes

Professor Damian Hughes is an international speaker and best selling author who combines his practical and academic background within sport, organisational development and change psychology, to help organisations and teams to create a high performing culture.

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Early Years Conference 7th November 2018

Keynote Speaker:

Alistair Bryce-Clegg

Alistair was head teacher of a very successful three-form entry infant school and Early Years Unit for 10 years. Alongside his headship he worked an EYFS consultant working with a diverse range of settings to help them to enhance their EYFS practice. In 2009 Alistair left headship and went into full time consultancy. He is now the proud owner of ABC Does.



Inclusion and Behaviour Conference 2019

Coming Soon...

Look out for our next Inclusion Conference, coming in Spring 2019. Know about it first on Twitter

@ITAAdmin



On 23rd May, St Georges will open its doors followed by a Meet and Magpie with an SEN focus.

Open School

Meet and magpie

On 4th July, Broadlea are the hosts for an Early Years Meet and Magpie with a range of table top presentations, not to be missed.

