

ITE Professional Coordinating Mentor Newsletter

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Dear PCMs,

Thank you for warmly welcoming our PGCE Secondary St Mary's trainee(s) into your school last week. This week is the first full week of placement for our trainees, with them returning to campus on Wednesday 4th October to reflect on their experiences so far and continue their University based input. Please find useful details of this week's foci below, which acts in line with our Professional Studies curriculum themes. This can be found in the Useful Links section alongside an overview of our themes and assessment points for the academic year. We hope these provide a useful insight into the journey of our trainees.

Best wishes,

The St Mary's Partnership Team

Week 1: 2nd to 6th October

This week's theme relates to planning for learning by considering factors such as how to avoid overloading working memory and how to plan effective lessons. Our research link for this week uses the work of [Rosenshine \(2012\)](#) by prompting trainees to consider the value of strategies like modelling and scaffolding. In discussion with their mentor, they are encouraged to explore approaches to learning within your school and how these will shape their planning and delivery of lessons. Other tasks for this week include observing expert colleagues to consider how learning is promoted and the retention of new information is supported, which will inform how our trainees apply these strategies to their practice when teaching their own lessons. In addition, trainees should be beginning to explore the concepts of cognition, formative assessment and promoting behaviour for learning in their practice as these formed part of their University based input prior to their school experience. As such, we also attach a recent publication considering '[The Value of Using Tests in Education as Tools for Learning – Not Just for Assessment](#)', which has also been shared with our trainees.

Useful Links

[St Mary's Partnership Portal](#)

[School Experience Handbook](#)

[ITT Safeguarding Policy](#)

[Key Documents for Partnership Schools](#)

[Foundation School Experience Training Plan](#)

[Professional Studies Curriculum Guide](#)

[PGCE Secondary Academic Year Overview](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact the Partnership Team if there is any additional information we can provide or any questions we can answer.

PCM Training: Thursday 5th October at 4pm

Our first PCM training of the academic year is running at 4pm this Thursday. This session will provide key information and guidance regarding trainee placements including placement resources, an overview of PCM and mentor expectations and key changes to Abyasa, guidance around the delivery of Professional Studies whilst trainees are with you in school and information about the mandatory training for class-based mentors and subject mentors.

Please click [here](#) to join the session.

Useful Contacts

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