

ITE Secondary Mentor Newsletter

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Dear PCMs and Mentors,

We hope it has been another good week for you and your colleagues in school. Thank you for your ongoing support of our St Mary's trainees at such a busy time of year. As we approach the final stages of the Foundation phase of school experience, we hope our trainees are demonstrating expected progress and are making steady progress towards their targets. A reminder also to mentors to sign off all weekly training meetings and update their training records on Abyasa; we are so grateful for your engagement with the training this term. As ever, please do let us know if there is any further support we can provide.

Best wishes,
The St Mary's Partnership Team

Week 9: 4th to 8th December

Weekly theme: This week, our trainees are being asked to focus on Part 2 of the Teachers' Standards by exploring Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI). This will inform their weekly meeting discussion with mentors by reflecting on the culture of respect they have developed with the pupils they teach. Trainees should be prompted to explain the impact this has on teaching and learning and what their next steps should be as they move forwards in their practice.

Other tasks: This week trainees will be required to make observations of expert colleagues with a focus on the above and compare how different members of staff interact with pupils of various ages to promote a respectful and positive learning environment. They will use this to inform their planning for the week and consider how to embed inclusive practices into their teaching to address the range of pupil profiles in their classes.

Research: This week refers back to the work of Wilson and Kara (2022) *Diverse Educators: A Manifesto*.

Mentor Training Recordings and Abyasa Record: All mentor training materials can be accessed on the portal by clicking [here](#). A reminder that mentors of Foundation placement trainees are required to engage with Session 1 and 2 and then can choose from either Session 3 or 4. **Please add this training to your Mentor Training Record on Abyasa.**

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.

ECT Exchange: We are very much looking forward to welcoming ECT's across our partnership school for the second ECT exchange meeting of the year. The theme of this session is wellbeing and workload and we hope to provide a forum for ECTs to collaborate and share good practice.

Please circulate our [ECT Newsletter](#) and [ECT Exchange invitation](#) to any ECTs in your school! We would love to support them as they start their career!

School Based Professional Studies Programme: If you haven't already done so, please click [here](#) to confirm the Professional Studies delivery in your school.

[St Mary's School Based PS Template](#) & [St Mary's School Based PS Exemplar](#)

Make it even better! Enhancing the partnership

We very much welcome your feedback to ensure we continue to improve our provision and to enhance your experience as a St Mary's mentor. This month's theme is Mentor workload. Complete this [form](#) to tell us your thoughts!

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