

Locality Based working for School Based Advanced Skills Teachers.

Advanced Skills Teachers (ASTs) are excellent teachers with the ability to coach & mentor other teachers and build capacity in their own and other schools. They are allocated time (one day a week) to support and build capacity in other teachers. Currently there are approximately 110 ASTs who are part funded by the LA and therefore available for outreach (about 40 primary and 70 secondary) and about 40 teachers who have been identified as aspiring ASTs

Locality Based Working

The Launch of the Local School Based AST Network took place at the Weald of Kent Business Centre in July. This event successfully established the way forward to develop initial action plans for locality based working and first meetings will take place in Term 1 within the Local Learning Networks.

Six schools will work as 'hubs' for locality based working for ASTs and have agreed to support this development:

- Coastal East Kent Sandwich Technology School
- Ashford & Shepway Folkestone School for Girls
- Canterbury & Swale Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School
- North West Kent Gravesend Grammar School
- Maidstone & Malling Homesdale Technology College
- West Kent Hayesbrook School

Each school will receive an annual grant for AST Continuing Professional Development (CPD) in their locality. There will be one identified person to coordinate CPD and locality based support within the LLN which will comprise six days per year for each Secondary AST. PEP heads continue to manage primary AST support in LCSPs and Inclusion and Access Advisers will continue to manage Special School ASTs.

Each LLN will have a link AST within the Central team to facilitate liaison with ASK and support development of CPD programme:

- Coastal East Kent Claire Powis
- Ashford & Shepway Maggie Shevlane
- Canterbury & Swale Claire Powis & Maggie Shevlane
- North West Kent Gail Mortimer
- Maidstone & Malling Steve Rose
- South West Kent Helen Utley

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