

# Higher Level Teaching Assistant Status

**We now have over 700 Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTAs) in Kent Schools.**

HLTAs are playing an increasingly important role in Kent Schools. They are taking on many varied duties, from line managing Teaching Assistants (TAs) to mentoring other colleagues from across schools and children's trusts. Their experience can be utilised in so many ways to support teaching and learning of both staff and pupils.

The even better news is that all the training to become a HLTA is FREE and fully funded by the TDA grant, therefore the school will not be charged for the TA to attend the HLTA Status programme.

Training is available across the county throughout the year.

## Higher Level Teaching Assistant Status Routes

### 3 Day Route

The shortest route, for those TAs who can show that they already meet the HLTA standards, is a three day preparation route, to prepare the teaching assistant for the half day assessment they will undertake. Preparation involves the teaching assistant attending an external course for three days at a local venue in Kent.

The next available 3 day routes for 2010 are:

- 25, 26 February & 22 March 2010 Grangemoor Hotel, Maidstone ME16 8BS
- 3, 4 & 24 March 2010 Ramada Jarvis Hotel, Pembury TN24QL
- 8, 9 & 29 March 2010 Howfield Manor, Canterbury CT4 7HQ

### 9 Day Generic Routes

For teaching assistants requiring training to meet all the standards, via a 6-day generic programme and includes the 3 days in preparation for assessment as described above. Planned for Summer term from Apr to Jul 2010.

### Higher Level Teaching Assistant Specialism Routes

TAs (with or without HLTA Status) to improve their individual subject knowledge with practical ideas to help support children in the following specialism subjects:

#### Secondary Maths and Science, Vocational, PE, Food Technology and Primary Science

- 12 January 2010 start - Maths, Science and Food Technology
- Other specialism start dates to be confirmed

### Higher Level Teaching Assistant Route linked to the Canterbury Christ Church University Foundation Degree in 'Childhood Studies'

TAs can achieve the HLTA Status during the 1st year of the generic or specialism degree course. Please note fees for the degree course will not be funded.

Specialism: English as an Additional Language (EAL), Special Education Needs (SEN), Physical Education (PE) and Modern Foreign Language (MFL).

## Apply for Higher Level Teaching Assistant Status Programmes

To receive an Information Pack and Application form contact Dawn Foxwell

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## Higher Level Teaching Assistant Information Sessions

If you are unsure which route to take and would like to find out more. Attend a free half day session to hear the facts about the entry criteria, carry out a simple needs analysis exercise to determine your development needs to achieve the HLTA Status. Please contact Dawn Foxwell as above for further information and details.

