

THE NATIONAL FOREST TEACHING SCHOOL

The National Forest Teaching School is a local alliance of secondary, primary and special schools who share a common belief in the power of collaboration to bring about continuous school improvement in our local area. Located at the lead school, John Taylor High School, improving outcomes for young people in our local area is at the heart of our work. We do this through the three main areas below.



INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING

Our Primary and Secondary School Direct Programmes are well established and we are proud of our track record in training our own teachers for employment in the local area. In 2015 John Taylor High School became a SCITT (a School Centred Initial Teacher Training provider), adding further opportunities for aspiring teachers to enter the profession. We are also an accredited Appropriate Body for NQTs.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our vision is that teachers are supported at all stages of their careers. To support succession planning it is equally important for us to grow our own leaders and we offer professional development opportunities for all, from NQTs and RQTs through to Middle Leaders and Aspirant Headteachers. As a Teaching School we also periodically secure funding to engage in exciting research and development projects.



SCHOOL TO SCHOOL SUPPORT

Within our alliance we have a National Leader of Education, a National Leader of Governance and a number of Specialist Leaders of Education who support us with our school to school support work. Accreditation as an SLE is an opportunity available to teachers across the alliance and beyond who have an area of expertise and a proven track record in supporting, mentoring or coaching others. As a Teaching School we also can secure funding to support other schools where there is an identified need.