

Yorkshire TA Network

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Hello everyone! Welcome to our third newsletter, we hope you find the information contained useful. If you have any colleagues who would benefit also from receiving this newsletter, please let us know and we can get them signed up to the network. If you have anything you would like to contribute to the next newsletter, please get in touch at tanetwork@settrington.n-yorks.sch.uk

Catherine, TA Network Coordinator

This Term

With the summer term now upon us, schools are busier than ever with exams, sports days and planning for the end of year celebrations. Here at the Yorkshire TA Network, we have a busy calendar for May and June, with exciting plans for the next academic year. The Network is aware of how the last 2 years have impacted on the opportunity for colleagues to meet one another, which is why our training this term, will be delivered face to face.



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Upcoming Events

Monday 23rd May

KS1 Science for TA's

Wednesday 8th June

TA Wellbeing Day

Tuesday 21st June

KS2 Science for TA's

Important Announcements

Last chance to book now for KS1 Science for Teaching Assistants. It will be an afternoon session, delivered in person on 23rd May at Pickering.

Upcoming Training Sessions

23rd May AM [KS1 Science for TA's | STEM](#)

Improve your confidence in primary science in KS1. You will explore ways of bringing the KS1 curriculum to life through practical ideas and discussion tasks.

21st June AM [Lower KS2 Science for TA's | STEM](#)

Improve your confidence in lower KS2 Science and explore ways to bring the curriculum to life through practical ideas and discussion tasks.

21st June PM [Upper KS2 Science for TA's | STEM](#)

Improve your confidence in the KS2 Science curriculum to life through practical ideas and discussion tasks, as well as how to effectively develop a strategy for dealing with common misconceptions.

8th June FULL DAY TA Wellbeing Development Day

<https://tawellbeingdevelopmentday.eventbrite.co.uk>

A day spent reflecting on how our emotional responses and those of our pupils, impact upon the effectiveness of our practice. We will investigate how practitioners can positively influence classroom behaviour and improve wellbeing for all.

Reading Recommendations

Below are some articles I hope you will find useful:

1. Using examples to support Maths: [EEF blog: Using worked examples to support mathematical... | EEF \(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk\)](#)
2. The value of Teaching Assistants [Special educational needs provision won't improve unless teaching assistants are](#)



To book your place on any of the upcoming courses, please click on the link to Eventbrite or visit our website

Please sign up to the network if you haven't already by using this link:

<https://forms.gle/NeRATPoDpjtrvLpe9>

The EEF Website contains lots of interesting and useful guidance reports, which cover many subject areas.

Please find the link below:

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports>

Spotlight On...Amy Matthews, Coventry University Scarborough Campus

The education team at CU Scarborough is a small but diverse group of experienced professionals. Our team is relatively new as most of us have been here for less than 18 months, which only brings enthusiasm and excitement about how we can develop our provision further. We absolutely recognise that whilst we all have our own experiences of working in the classroom, the world of education is always changing and therefore, it is only by working closely with practitioners that we can ensure our courses remain relevant.

We recognise that Teaching Assistants are the highly-skilled, committed, resilient and essential backbone of any school and we want to do all that we can in order to support schools to celebrate, strengthen and maintain this valued group of practitioners. The conference in June is an exciting opportunity to meet with many of you and explore how we can facilitate training and collaboration in the future with the TA network. For example, you and your leadership teams may feel that if in the future we came out to your school and offered some CPD as an outreach project, it might be easier to join in whilst juggling your other commitments. Alternatively, you might be interested in attending our evening events where you can also catch up with colleagues from other schools. We are looking forward to hearing how we might help.

We currently offer a Primary Education & Teaching Studies BA (Hons) degree. Many of our enrolled students simultaneously work as teaching assistants whilst studying with us. You can explore our range of courses and degree subjects on our website, www.coventry.ac.uk/cus.

Unlike traditional universities, CU campuses offer multiple intakes throughout the year, usually taking place in September, November, January, March, May and/or July. At CU, there are no end-of-year exams, so assessments are usually in the form of course works, which not only takes the pressure off students and academics but also gives a more practical approach to learning. At CU, students learn one module at a time. This allows students and academics to delve deeper into the subject matter and focus entirely on course specifics.

As we have a strong emphasis on skills and practice within the programmes, students' experiences are invaluable for colleagues and for our wider team. We are therefore very pleased to be developing this new collaboration and meeting with many of you in person. We look forward to working together.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A TA



Wake up

A usual morning includes getting my two children up and ready for the day, as well as our brood of Bantam chickens.



Morning in School

My mornings in school vary, ranging from working in our Reception/Year one class to carrying out my role as the Reading coordinator across school.

Between applying the usual magic paper towels, I'm straight to the kettle for a caffeine fix, I'm a coffee addict!



Lunchtime

My afternoons are full of delivering Interventions, throughout the school!



When I am not carrying out my second job as Mum's taxi, I enjoy gardening.

Afternoon

After school

HELLO
my name is

Mrs Hardwick,
Settrington School



QUICK QUESTIONS!

Favourite podcast?

Chris and Rosie Ramsey

Which book are you currently reading?

Queen of our times by Robert Hardman.

What couldn't you live without in your school day?

Coffee!!!!!!