

Professional Community

For Secondary Headteachers from all career stages, all school types and all Ofsted ratings.

Introduction

The purpose of the Professional Community is to develop a strong and eclectic network of Headteachers who enjoy:

- collaborating
- sharing ideas
- visiting high performing schools nationally
- discussing and debating ways to improve schools
- understanding the regional context

Principles

There are a clear set of principles that underpin the work of the Professional Community:

Effective Collaboration

For the past decade there have been examples of successful schools collaborating, leading to significant improvements; including London Challenge in the UK and Uncommon Schools & KIPP from the US.

Critically Inquisitive

With an overwhelming volume of innovations, new theories and polarised opinions, this Professional Community will seek and scrutinise both the latest and long-standing best practice in this country and abroad, with a view to providing a practical and well-informed approach to improvement within our schools.

Support and Challenge

As a group, we will support and challenge each other to both devise and enact critical developments within our schools and ensure that we know the efficacy of these acts.

Programme Content

The programme will consist of five sessions over the academic year 2021-2022, beginning in October and will include:

- Visits to high performing / rapidly improving schools nationally.
- One-to-one support via follow up sessions offered from the Professional Community Leads to support your school's needs and desires.
- The Professional Community will also seek to engage with existing groups, such as regional MAT Leader conferences, if the situation allows.

The content of the sessions can be flexible to reflect the priorities and interests of the Professional Community members.

Professional Community Leads

Tim Harris

Headteacher of Colyton Grammar School

Steve Margetts

Headteacher of Torquay Academy

Tim Rutherford

Headteacher of West Exe School (Exeter)

Target Audience

The programme is for established Secondary Headteachers from all career stages and includes all secondary school types and all Ofsted ratings.

Dates

Day 1 | Friday 8 October 2021 | 1100 - 1500

Identifying Change & Implementation
(Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh)

Sharing successful implementation of change and how the need for this change was identified.

Day 2 | Friday 26 November 2021

Ambitious and Sustainable Improvement
(West Exe School, Exeter)

An opportunity to discuss and review strategic improvements over different timescales, in different contexts.

Day 3 | Friday 4 February 2022

Improvement Investing in People
(Torquay Academy)

An opportunity to share how we recruit, retain and develop the very best staff for our students.

Day 4 | Dates to be confirmed

Informal (optional) visits to schools:

- Colyton Grammar School
- Marine Academy Plymouth
- Torquay Academy
- West Exe School
- A high performing private school

Post-Easter | Dates to be confirmed

- MAT Leaders
- Greenshaw Visit

Cost FREE to SWIFT members.

To book:

On-line booking form [here](#)

Or contact: Jude Owens | Jude.Owens@sw-ift.org.uk

PLEASE BOOK BY Friday 1 October 2021