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Termly update from STEP: A Golden Thread in Teaching Careers



Celebrating a Fantastic Year at STEP

and impact of everyone involved throughout the year. Thank you to all our learners, staff, partners, and supporters who have helped make this year great. We hope you enjoy taking a look back with us.



Fully Funded NPQSL: Develop Your Leadership Potential

Ready to take the next step in your leadership journey?

The National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL) is a fully funded programme designed to help aspiring and current senior leaders develop the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to lead effectively across a school. This nationally recognised qualification provides practical, evidence-informed training that can have a real impact on your leadership practice and pupil outcomes.

Email Here for more info



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the STEP Team

Thank you to Sian Deane who is the Strategic Lead for ITT and is one of the founding members of STEP.

Sian has had a successful career in education and is now retiring and spending time with her family. Thank you, Sian - you will be missed.



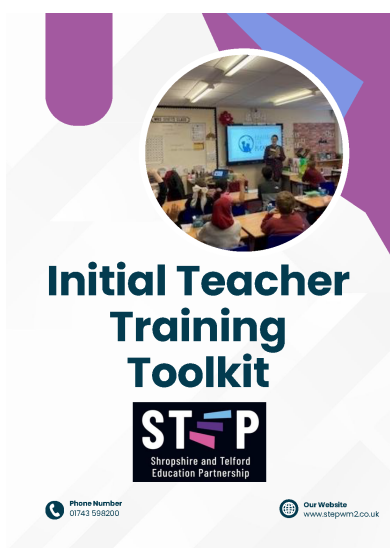
Initial Teacher Training (ITT) News

Celebrating ITT Success Across Shropshire and Telford

A Year of Achievement

STEP is proud to celebrate another successful year of Initial Teacher Training, with 57 Early Years, Primary and Secondary trainees completing their programmes across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin. Through dedication, resilience and a commitment to high-quality teaching, trainees have made a valuable impact in classrooms across the region.

The introduction of our ITT Toolkit and Resource Hub, this has proven to be very helpful for all. If you haven't already - check them out below:



[Visit Resource Hub Here](#)

Strength in Partnership

The success of STEP's ITT provision continues to be driven by strong collaboration between schools, mentors and training providers. With expert support and guidance throughout their training, trainees have developed the knowledge and practical experience needed to thrive in the profession. The partnership's close relationship with the University of Chester also continues to strengthen future training opportunities.

Inspiring the Next Generation

Many trainees from this year's cohort have already secured teaching positions in local schools and are preparing to inspire the next generation of learners. Their achievements help support the continued strength of education across Shropshire and Telford.

Looking Ahead

STEP remains committed to developing future educators and supporting schools to recruit and retain high-quality teachers. Applications for those wishing to train to teach from 2027 will open in October 2026, with information sessions available for prospective applicants with all 4 alliances.

[Read more](#)

Early Career Framework and Appropriate Body News

ECTE with UCL

As STEP approaches the end of its first year working with University College London (UCL) as Lead Provider for the Early Career Teacher Entitlement (ECTE), feedback from Early Career Teachers and mentors has been overwhelmingly positive. Participants have praised the benefits of focused mentoring, local networking opportunities and the impact the programme is having on classroom practice and professional development.

"The module has helped me create a more inclusive classroom environment and improved my ability to support pupils in achieving



"I feel well-supported and confident in my progress, and the programme has had a positive impact on my professional development." – ECT Mentor

Time to Register

With the [DfE registration portal](#) now open, schools are encouraged to complete ECTE registrations ahead of the new academic year. Successful registration ensures ECTs and mentors can access the training and support needed to underpin professional development and progress against the Teachers' Standards.

ECT Mentors

STEP is celebrating another group of mentors completing their training programmes this summer. Through self-study and collaborative learning, mentors are developing the skills and confidence needed to support Early Career Teachers throughout their induction journey.

Progress and Assessment Reports

The upcoming reporting deadline is **15 July**, we have support materials available to help Induction Tutors complete Progress Reviews and Final Assessment Reports in the Resources section of [ECT Manager](#). These reports provide an opportunity to celebrate ECT achievements and professional development throughout the year.

[Read more](#)

National Professional Qualification (NPQ)

Applications Open: Autumn 2026 NPQ Programmes

Investing in Leadership Development

Applications are now open for the Autumn 2026 National Professional Qualifications (NPQs), delivered by the Alliance of Leading Learning, a core STEP partner. Designed to support teachers and leaders at every stage of their career, NPQs

schools.

Why Choose an NPQ?

Whether you are aspiring to senior leadership, preparing for headship, leading a specialist area of practice or looking to strengthen your leadership skills, there is an NPQ designed to support your next career step. Programmes available include **NPQ Headship (NPQH)**, **NPQ Senior Leadership (NPQSL)**, **NPQ for SENCOs**, **NPQ Early Years Leadership (NPQEYL)**, **NPQ Leading Teaching (NPQLT)** and **NPQ Executive Leadership (NPQEL)**.

Participants benefit from evidence-informed professional development, practical strategies that can be applied immediately in school, and valuable opportunities to collaborate with colleagues from across Shropshire and Telford. With a **98% completion and pass rate**, expert facilitators and strong participant support, our programmes continue to help teachers and leaders develop their practice, progress their careers and improve outcomes for pupils.

Funding Opportunities

A number of programmes, including **NPQH**, **NPQSL**, **NPQ for SENCOs** and **NPQEYL**, are currently fully funded, making this an excellent opportunity for professional growth and career development.

Apply Now

Scholarship funding is limited and places are filling quickly. If you are ready to take the next step in your professional journey, now is the perfect time to explore the opportunities available and secure your place on an Autumn 2026 programme.

Further information click the 'read more' button below with any enquiries can be directed to adminall@leadinglearning.co.uk

Read more

Help Us Celebrate Our Partnership

Over the years, many schools across Shropshire and Telford have engaged with STEP in a variety of ways, whether by supporting Initial Teacher Training placements,

...by success, or investing in staff through National Professional Qualifications (NPQs).

As a partnership, we are proud of the impact we achieve together and would be grateful for your support in helping us raise awareness of STEP across the region.

If your school has worked with STEP and values the opportunities and support we provide, we would appreciate it if you could display the STEP partnership logo on your school website, include it in newsletters, or share it through your communication channels. By showcasing your connection to STEP, you are helping us strengthen awareness of the professional development and recruitment opportunities available to schools, staff and aspiring teachers across Shropshire and Telford.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support in helping us shape the future of education in our region.



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Supporting the development of future teachers in Shropshire and Telford



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