

John Taylor High School selected to provide high-quality professional development to teachers and leaders.



John Taylor High School is one of the 81 schools in England selected to be designated as a new teaching school hub.

Teachers across the country will benefit from vital developmental support and expert advice, allowing them to improve a broad range of vital teaching skills, under plans announced by the Department for Education today.

The teaching workforce will get best-practice and expert advice on how best to engage with pupils, lesson planning, and classroom management, as the teaching school hubs programme is rolled out across the country.



Katie Cochrane, Head of School at John Taylor High School said, "We are delighted to have been selected as one of the new Teaching School Hubs and look forward to working collaboratively with various partners, to explore the opportunities that arise from this designation."

The Chair of the Local Governing Body at John Taylor High School Barbara Richardson said "John Taylor High School, through the National Forest Teaching School and Research School, has a track record of delivering high quality professional development for teachers. This is an exciting opportunity for this expertise and good practice to be shared widely and support teachers and school leaders deliver the best possible education to pupils."

The teaching school programme was announced in 2019 and was followed by a procurement to successfully appoint six test and learn hubs (appointed in January 2020).

The 81 new hubs will be rolled out in addition to those six existing test & learn TSH, meaning there will be nationwide coverage for the first time, and that every school in England will now have access to a local centre of excellence for teacher training.

81 hubs will be added in all corners of the country to provide high-quality professional development to teachers and leaders at all stages of their career and play a key role in helping to build up trainee teachers as they enter the workforce. The Department for Education believe that this will further level up the quality of teaching, allowing every child to receive a world-class start in life no matter where they are born.

Each hub, all of which will be operational and helping schools from this September, will have its own defined geographical patch and will be expected to be accessible to all schools within that area, serving on average around 250 schools each. For John Taylor, this region includes the districts of Cannock Chase, Lichfield, East Staffordshire, Tamworth, Nuneaton and Bedworth and North Warwickshire.



Mike Donoghue, CEO of John Taylor MAT confirmed the Trust's commitment to work collaboratively and strategically across the region. "This outcome is both a validation of our track record of high-quality delivery, and a confirmation from the Department of Education that we have a key role to play in the new landscape. We will do all we can to support all schools within the hub area – and beyond."

The Chair of John Taylor MAT Gareth Moss added "John Taylor MAT is delighted that John Taylor High School has been successful in this competitive process. The MAT has always valued the links our Schools have with our own Teaching and Research Schools and to have the quality of our work recognised with this success is something we are very proud of. We will use the Teaching School Hub to further our ambition to produce the best quality teachers, providing the best quality teaching & learning to all pupils."

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More information on Teaching School Hubs is available on gov.uk : [Teaching school hubs - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

More information on the Early Career Framework reforms is available on gov.uk: [Early career framework reforms: overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

More information on the National Professional Qualifications reforms is available on gov.uk: [National professional qualifications \(NPQs\) reforms - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)