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NEWSLETTER

GREAT NORTH MATHS HUB

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NCETM - Updates

September is here and the Great North Maths Hub is back!

We are always delighted to be back at the start of an academic year, but this year, after the period of school closures, we are even more thrilled. As we closed down our home offices and returned to work together as a team, excitement grew about the new year and the opportunities that it will bring. We have so many opportunities waiting for colleagues and schools across our region!

This new school year brings with it new ways of working for us all following school closures and we are working to ensure our programmes reflect the needs of schools and pupils. As Abraham Lincoln said in a letter to Congress in 1862 'The occasion is piled high with difficult, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew.' New programme content is being written to support colleagues through this period of curriculum recovery and new ways of programme delivery, including online delivery, are being explored.

We have taken the opportunity to really focus on what matters to us in Maths Hub and we think our new hashtag #EncourageSupportCollaborate sums that up brilliantly.



The Cambridge dictionary defines collaborate as ‘to work together or with someone else for a special purpose’ and we don’t think you could get more of a special purpose than ensuring all children get the very best opportunities that they can in maths. All of our programmes will have these values at the heart; by supporting and encouraging each other in our local networks we can achieve this together.

As always, our planned programmes will cover all phases from Early Years to Post 16 and we have a large number of Subject Knowledge Enhancement programmes planned to support teachers in developing specialist knowledge for teaching mathematics, thus enabling them to understand, teach and support pupils in maths in the classroom. A perfect programme for NQTs and RQTs! Alongside this, we will be continuing to work with ITT providers across the region to support in the training of the future teacher workforce. Do be sure to visit our website and check out the full list of programmes and see which of our Work Groups suit your current school priorities.

We can’t wait to see you all soon as our programme delivery starts!

Updates from NCETM

NCETM continues to produce a range of materials and guidance to help primary and secondary schools adapt maths teaching, when necessary, to address the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 outbreak. This includes support materials to help teachers use the DfE National Curriculum guidance for teaching maths in primary schools, published in July 2020.

Follow this link to see their guidance for Primary and Secondary materials:
<https://www.ncetm.org.uk/in-the-classroom/support-for-schools-addressing-ongoing-coronavirus-impact/>

September is the time of year when we look to CPD opportunities for our schools. As well as the Work Groups we have planned, NCETM have a suite of materials designed to be used in schools and departments. They can be found here: **<https://www.ncetm.org.uk/professional-development/>**

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