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Dear Colleagues,

The government white paper stresses the importance of a school led system and we have been working hard at the Teaching Alliance to ensure that our offer is as relevant as possible to all Stockton schools. May I take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of our strategic partners who are giving their valuable time and expertise to help support and build this alliance.

Campus Stockton Teaching Alliance continues to go from strength to strength. Our list of strategic partners includes fourteen primary schools, six secondary schools, one specialist academies trust, two sixth form colleges and three local universities. We also have over twenty-five member schools who are accessing our offer.

Our target was to have eight Specialist Leaders of Education in place by March 2016. We have surpassed this target and now have seventeen SLEs in place to meet the priority needs of Stockton Schools. Our SLEs are currently involved in school to school support work and are also developing exciting new CPD offers in speaking and listening for Early Years, consistent approaches to Maths and English, high quality transition in PE, challenging behaviours and vulnerable children, SEN reviews, working with the most able and talented, creative writing, 1:1 coaching for teachers, MFL training for non-specialists.

The alliance is currently providing school to school support for a variety of schools, academies and colleges across all phases. The feedback in terms of impact in classrooms has been very positive.

Our CPD, Leadership and Research and Development Groups have been working very hard to deliver courses that have been on offer from 2015. Delegates will be graduating from Teacher of Excellence, Onwards and Upwards and Enquiry Cycles this summer. Due to their success, these courses will be offered again from September 2016. The MA in Education Leadership continues to run for the current cohort and the alliance is offering the course for a new cohort starting in October.



Building on the success of the 'Excellence' brand, we are offering further courses from September: Leader of Excellence is for existing middle leaders and Teaching Assistant of Excellence is for TAs who would like to have their practice recognized and developed through this self - reflective, evidence based approach.

Our CPD plans for next year also include an aspiring Deputy Head Teacher course for secondary colleagues (such a course already exists for primary), an Administrator of Excellence and an Excellence at UPS course. The Research and Development Group is in the early stages of work on the effective use of student voice.

The alliance is working closely with Stockton Teacher Training Partnership to ensure that the training, recruitment and retention of teachers in Stockton is of the highest quality.

This academic year, the alliance has bid for and achieved funding to the value of £75,000 to support schools and the training of teachers in different ways. Another £70,000 is currently being bid for to train non specialist teachers in MFL, Maths and Physics.

The alliance has formed a key partnership with Transforming Tees, with the aim of developing all aspects of teaching and learning across the whole of the Tees Valley. This is leading to many exciting new developments and improved learning experiences and outcomes for our young people in the region.

The alliance is also working towards a partnership with Whole Education, a national network which supports schools from all areas across the country and beyond.

To summarise, Campus Stockton Teaching Alliance is, through the hard work of its strategic partners, having an increasing impact on the quality of teaching and learning across Stockton.

Many thanks to all involved.

Chris Aitkin, Project Director.