

Canopy



WELCOME TO OUR Termly Newsletter

Welcome to our first Canopy Newsletter, which we are hoping to send out on a termly basis. This is your essential guide to keeping you up to date with all the professional learning opportunities across Impact trust – which are varied, high-quality and plentiful.

What's in a name?

Definition: Canopy

Ca-no-pi (Noun)

a cover, protective like a roof, inclusive like an umbrella, the part of the forest where biodiversity thrives; a cover decorative like a canopy of stars, capturing a sense of awe and beauty – to look upwards

So, why Canopy? Hopefully, the definition helps our name speak for itself. Canopy means professional learning for everybody across Impact trust – whatever your school, whatever your role and whatever your interest. A place which inspires us all to grow and develop and pushes us all to be our professional best.



Growing our own; ITT Training

We know that the position nationally for Initial Teacher Training is frighteningly woeful, with numbers way below government targets. It has therefore never been more important to grow our own. If you are, or if you know, a member of Impact staff, or even a recent graduate, who would make a great teacher, then we need to hear from you or them. Fully funded bursaries of upto £28,000 are available for a wide range of Secondary subjects including Chemistry, Languages, DT and Geography...so, it won't cost the school a penny! For a full list of subjects and more information, please click [here](#).

Please contact Emma Geall at THA on egeall@thehalifaxacademy.org or ring 01422 301080 if you are interested. Afterall, in the right school and the right Trust, teaching really is the greatest job in the world.



BPN Course: Don't Miss Out!

THE MAYBE-FINAL RAFT OF 'FREE' NPQS (NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS) ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

The maybe-final raft of 'free' NPQs (National Professional Qualifications) are now available. If you are thinking that you should plump for one of these courses and have been umming and ahing; now is the time to seize the day! The government is yet to announce whether the courses will be free beyond this year, so get involved whilst we can still afford them. Click [here](#) for more information about what is available.

And don't just take our word for it, read what a recent graduate of our NPQSL course had to say:



'The course was great – just what I needed and based on discussion and case study scenarios which made it really practical. The online coaching was excellent and really helpful. And of course, we had a great group of people which made it even more worthwhile'

Ky Adams, Director of Primary Phase, The Halifax Academy

And it's not just for classroom based staff either; there's something everybody. Nadia from THA is part of the Autumn cohort completing the Diploma for School Business Management:

'There's a lot of work involved and I like the fact that you're able to choose the final module yourself. So far it's been really interesting and it's helped me to identify areas that I need to work on. It's also been great to meet people in similar roles.'

Nadia Lanovy, Senior Strategic Manager, The Halifax Academy



HLTA: Higher Level Teaching Assistant

It is a truth universally acknowledged, that teaching assistants are the bedrock of most schools and a rich resource ripe for development. This HLTA course, which costs around £798 per applicant, develops those staff that all schools rely on.

We are lucky as a trust to be offering this course face to face; a rare event post covid, and we have now become the designated Best Practice Network HLTA partner for the whole of the Yorkshire region. There isn't a better trust as a support assistant to find yourself in. This course is not widely available and luckily there are still places on our Spring 2024 cohort. Contact Nadia Lanovy on canopy@i-mat.org.uk if you think this is right up your street!



Upcoming Canopy Session: *19th March* **'It's Good to Talk' – Oracy in Schools**

We are pleased to announce that our inaugural Canopy event **'It's good to talk!'** will take place at Newsome Academy on the 19th March from 3:30pm – 5:00pm.

The focus is on Oracy; one of the key areas all our Impact schools agreed was a shared priority. The session will bring together some of the very best practice from across the Trust as well as networking and Q&A opportunities.

+5 months

On average, pupils who participate in oral language interventions make approximately five months' additional progress over the course of a year

Source: The Education Endowment Foundation's evaluation of oral language intervention

If you are interested in finding out a little bit more about chatter, natter or speech making, then this is the session for you.

More information will be coming soon and there will also be three more Canopy events before the year is out covering Early Reading, Climate for Learning and Flexible Working.

Each session will be preceded by a research briefing paper on the focus topic (watch this space!)



We are looking forward to seeing lots of you at Newsome in March; details on how to sign up will be coming soon. In the meantime, if you'd like further information, please drop us an email at:

canopy@i-mat.org.uk



1.5x as likely


Young people with poor communication skills are one and a half times more likely to have mental health difficulties, even after taking account of a range of other factors that might have played a part

Source: Talking about a Generation, The Communication Trust



Whole Education

As Trust members of Whole Ed, there is a raft of expertise and ready network of excellence available to plug into.

Highlights of their Spring term offer: 

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| JANUARY | 23rd: Engaged motivated and independent learners 24th: Relationships and behaviour | MARCH | 6th: Relationships and behaviour 13th: Inclusive classrooms |
| FEBRUARY | 1st: Curriculum 28th: Curriculum | MAY | 1st: Curriculum 2nd: Engaged, motivated and independent learners |

Words for All - Launch event 30th January 2024

This programme is included in membership and available to primary, secondary and trust leaders. The launch event is taking place on the 30th January in London and if interested, colleagues can still join.

Leadership Conference - 8th February 2024

This event is included in membership and again available to primary, secondary and trust leaders. The event is taking place in London and if anybody is interested, please contact Whole Education direct.

For further information click here: www.wholeeducation.org.

"THE CREATION OF A THOUSAND FORESTS IS IN ONE ACORN."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Until next time, tree lovers!



Why do trees hate tests?

Because they get stumped by the questions.

