

Canopy

WELCOME TO OUR Termly Newsletter

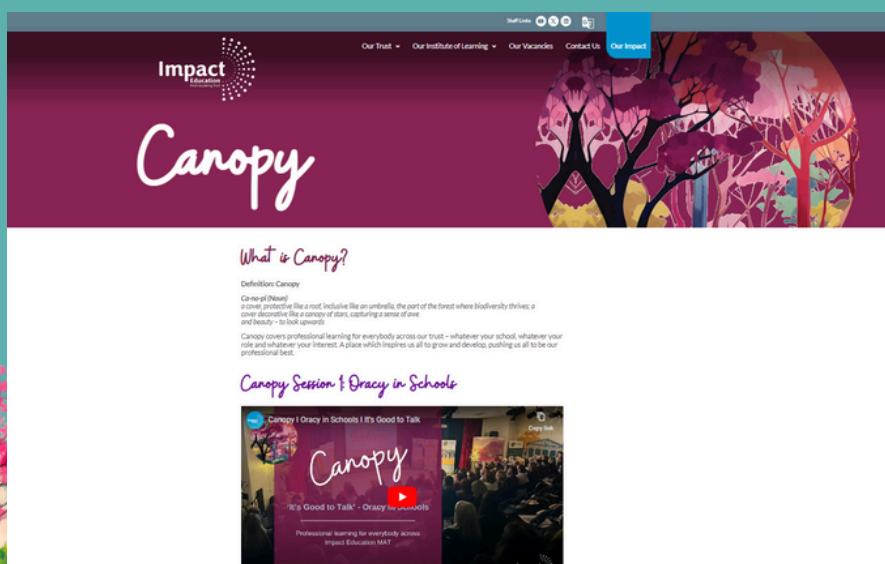
Welcome to the summer term edition of all things Canopy. In this edition we bring you news of our first fantastic Oracy themed session held at Newsome Academy, as well as updating you on our upcoming events.

The summer term, after SATs and GCSEs, is always an excellent time to really reflect on professional learning, take your individual and whole school temperature and formulate some useful next steps. There are two Canopy events coming up during the summer months so keep your eye on the opportunities being offered. Remember these events are focused on the common priorities identified by leaders from across our trust – so we hope there is something useful for everyone.

Branching Out

We now have a great new Canopy website! You can check it out on the following link: <https://i-mat.org.uk/canopy/>

If you need any information about upcoming events, want to access our newsletters or simply get in touch, this is the best place to start.





Starting with a big Bang!

THE FIRST ORACY CANOPY SESSION AT NEWSOME ACADEMY WAS A RIP-ROARING SUCCESS

On the 19th March Newsome Academy hosted the first ever Canopy session, with a focus on Oracy. There was brilliant input from colleagues from the primary cluster, Newsome Academy and The Halifax Academy. Topics covered included the importance of Oracy and the journey at school level to becoming Oracy focused; a Teacher toolkit 'Voice Box' and how to use games and classroom strategies to facilitate cooperative learning.

The stars of the show were undoubtedly the students from Newsome who led the whole thing. Thank you to all contributors; it was particularly pleasing to hear from ECTs Molly, Chloe and Charlotte at the start of their teaching career and what oracy looks like in their classrooms. All in all, a real showcase for the excellence of the trust wide work in this area – hopefully the start of some further development work between practitioners and the first successful Canopy event of many.



Thanks again to Newsome for being the hosts with the most!

If you were unable to attend, a full recording of the session can be accessed on the secure trust internet by clicking on the image below:



If you just want to get a flavour of the day, you can watch a short film by clicking on the image below:





BPN: Levelling Up!

Our partnership with Best Practice Network continues to grow apace. Aswell as NPQs for Senior Leadership, Leading Behaviour and Leading Teaching Development, the first cohort of Higher Level Teaching Assistants have been enjoying their first two sessions. Read what they have to say about it:



'Delivering the HLTA course has allowed me to witness first hand our amazing teaching assistants grow in confidence as they are continuing their own CPD. As a facilitator, I am also enhancing my own development, staying updated with the latest teaching methodologies. This is continuing to improve my abilities as a teacher and mentor.'

Jen Mutch, Facilitator & Progress Leader at The Halifax Academy

'I am finding it remarkably rewarding as it reinforces and refines my existing knowledge while introducing new perspectives. This course has continued to fuel my enthusiasm and dedication to the journey in my teaching practice.'

Sobia Naeem, TA at The Halifax Academy



There is a great deal of new training in the pipeline for teaching assistants, including a HLTA level 3 apprenticeship; do get in touch with Nadia Lanovy if you would like further information on nlanovy@thehalifaxacademy.org

Growing Our Own

Here at IMPACT trust we want everybody to have the chance to grow and become the best version of their professional self. Laura's story is a great example of building and developing a role to suit you and your skill set:

'In January 2018, I joined Newsome as Receptionist and not long after I applied for the role of Headteacher's PA. This role incorporated pastoral, governance, finance and HR. During that time, I noticed that I could apply for the HR Level 5 CIPD through the Apprenticeship levy, which would aid me in my role. Upon my return from maternity leave, the HR function across schools was being centralised, so I relished the opportunity to utilise my qualification and here I am today, working with you all on a daily basis!'

Laura Smith, HR Advisor, Impact Education





Spotlight on apprenticeships

Here at Impact Education, we are committed to the development of all our colleagues and a great way to do that is through apprenticeships - a flexible way to stay in role and develop your skills at the same time.

What exactly is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship brings together practical training which you complete in your role, but combine with study.

The study may be at a college/university or virtual, depending on the course provider.



What different types of apprenticeships are there?

Apprenticeships are available in many areas. Whether you're an aspiring teacher, work with children in a support role in the classroom, or you're part of the crucial business and operational support in our schools, the link below will allow you to explore what opportunities are on offer.

[Apprenticeship training courses \(education.gov.uk\)](https://education.gov.uk)

To give you an idea of some of the apprenticeships on offer, here are a couple to think about:

SEND Teaching Assistant – available to our classroom support colleagues. Click [here](#) for more information.

Wellbeing Champion – available to all colleagues. Click [here](#) for more information.

Do you have to pay for the training?

The good news is no! Impact Education is a levy paying employer, we are allocated funds to spend on apprenticeship training for our colleagues. How fantastic is that!

What are my next steps?

If you are interested, in the first instance, please speak to your line manager about any apprenticeships that you're interested in and how this would support your development at Impact.

If you would like to register your interest in an apprenticeship, and your line manager supports this, please contact HR on hr@i-mat.org.uk



Upcoming Canopy sessions....

Stay tuned

'Read all about it'

A 4-16 strategy which puts reading at the heart of our schools. Find out about:

- expert teaching of phonics
- strategies for struggling readers
- showcasing reading strategies that work

When?
Thursday 20th June
8:30am - 10:15am

Where?
Castle Hall Academy

Impact

To register for this event, please click on the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/a2GEDVR16d>

Stay tuned

'Get Flexing'

This session will focus on the latest thinking regarding flexible working and the role of THA as a Flexible Working Ambassador School.

When?
Tuesday 9th July
11am - 1pm
(Light lunch served afterwards)

Where?
The Halifax Academy

Impact

To register for this event, please click on the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/ddZ11qg0Eb>



Until next time, tree lovers!

HAHA!

How do trees get onto the internet?

They log in.

