

# Summer Term Update – April 2020

# We Are Still Here!

During these uncertain times it is hard to know what is on the horizon however, here at the Cheshire and Wirral Maths Hub, we have been working hard to try and figure out how we can still support schools and teachers from afar. Bearing this in mind, there are a few important things to be aware of:

- 1. We are planning on trying to finish the majority of our Work Groups before the end of this term. This will mean looking at online options for facilitating professional development for teachers. Please expect to hear from your Work Group leads sometime over the next half-term. Of course, we completely understand that some people may not be in a position to do this, but we are hoping that many teachers will be able to!
- 2. Additionally, for these schools who have had full involvement in Work Groups cut short because of the current situation, we will also look to ensure that professional development opportunities next academic year take this into account in their design and content (e.g. some Work Groups may revisit content from this year if necessary).
- 3. The NCETM have been busy looking at ways in which we can support parents who are now home schooling their children. We will keep you posted with any updates but, for now, there is a list of useful online resources the NCETM have compiled for the DfE available <u>here</u>.

### Work Group Plans for Next Academic Year 2020-2021

We are beginning to make plans for what Work Groups we will run next academic year. As part of this process we are keen to hear about what areas you would be interested in. If you are wanting to get involved next year, please go to our website to register interest in one of our Work Groups <u>here</u>. Alternatively, please feel free to drop us an e-mail for further discussion about getting involved.

For further information about teaching for mastery, please visit the NCETM website <u>here</u>.

## **Get Involved – Become a Secondary Mastery Specialist**

The Cheshire and Wirral Maths Hub, working in conjunction with the NCETM, are now seeking applications from secondary schools that wish to nominate 'lead teachers' to take part in an important three-year professional development programme leading to the designation of Secondary Mastery Specialist.

Schools nominating teachers for this role would be committed to the development of teaching for mastery in the lead teacher's classroom, across their maths department and, later on, to facilitate and support the development of teaching for mastery in a small number of other interested secondary schools within their Maths Hub area. A <u>short</u> <u>video</u> explains this work.

Please visit the NCETM website <u>here</u> to find more detailed information.

#### How to apply..

Teachers should complete the <u>application form</u> by **5pm on 1**<sup>st</sup> **June**. An email will then be sent to the headteacher in order for him/her to complete the supporting statement.

Interviews will take place after this date. All candidates will be contacted if the application is successful.

This is a wonderful opportunity for both participant and school. It is FREE, high quality CPD that continues for at least 3 years ensuring your school and staff are at the forefront of driving maths education.

If you require further information please do get in touch with us by e-mailing Andy Ash (Maths Hub Lead) at <u>aash@ourladyofpity.co.uk</u>, or Jayne Watts (Secondary Mastery Lead) at <u>j.watts@alsagerschool.org</u>

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