

CPD Newsletter - Edition 1 *Tuesday 15th January 2019*

Welcome to the first newsletter highlighting the EIS/ UCS CPD transition.

Go live date is 1/4/2019



Days to GO



1. From agreement to reality.....Shropshire Council EIS and UCS CPD Transition.

The quality of teaching in Shropshire has the opportunity to be among the best in the country, thanks to a groundbreaking partnership between Shropshire Council Education Improvement Service and University Centre Shrewsbury (UCS).

With UCS becoming the training hub, education experts from across the partnership will provide continuing professional development (CPD) courses for teachers in Shropshire from April 1st 2019, as well as offering the opportunity for research

projects and university qualifications.

Provost of University Centre Shrewsbury, Professor Anna Sutton, who is a former headteacher, said the partnership would be beneficial to teachers, pupils and parents in the future.

“Shropshire Council has provided excellent CPD for teachers in the past, but by partnering with University Centre Shrewsbury it enables us to enhance the current offer for educational professionals in the county.

Professor Sutton signed the partnership agreement with Chris Mathews, Commissioner for Education Improvement and Efficiency at Shropshire Council, who said “We agree that having high quality CPD courses for teachers and those who work with children and young people is crucial to support schools in providing the best education and care possible for the children within them.

2. Online booking portal.

Preparations are in place for a CPD online booking portal. This will both simplify and improve efficiency of CPD event bookings for schools and settings. **Schools/ settings will have their own individual CPD dashboard which will highlight all bookings and level of spend.**

3. EIS SLA.

There is little change to the EIS SLA offer. There will still be the three levels of subscription; standard, FFT and management with the ability to increase savings using the established credit system. Access to networks for schools will still be part of the standard subscription. Schools will receive their SLA 19/20 costings and application proforma via email by the end of January.



4. Consistency of message.

To ensure all schools/ settings are kept fully informed there will be a series of advance communications and update events. This will include a regular newsletter backed up by webinars, update announcements at programmed meetings together with additional planned launch events.

There will be updates as part of the following meetings: -

Date	Venue	Event
Thursday 24 th January 2019	STDC	Maintained Schools Central Policy Group
Thursday 7 th February 2019	STDC	Secondary Headteacher Briefing
Tuesday 12 th February 2019	STDC	Primary Headteacher Workshop/ Briefing - Shrewsbury
Thursday 14 th February 2019	Ludlow Mascall Centre	Primary Headteacher Workshop/ Briefing - Ludlow
Tuesday 19 th March 2019	STDC	Secondary Senior Leaders

We are also developing a dedicated email inbox/ help desk to facilitate and support this change. **Should you have any questions about the CPD transition please contact cpd@chester.ac.uk.** We will use this to develop a FAQ listing to further support schools/ settings.

5. Governor Services

In December last year a decision was taken to withdraw the traded governing body clerking service offer from 31 March 2019. However, Governor Services is providing transitional support for schools during the summer term 2019. This support is available through a traded agreement and includes briefing and support sessions for Chairs and schools' newly recruited clerks, as well as the draft termly advisory papers and agenda. Legal and procedural advice is also included. From April all governor training courses/ development opportunities will be run through the University Centre Shrewsbury. The National Governance Association are running DfE subsidised courses in County. If you would like to contact the Service about these changes please do so by emailing kris.watkins@shropshire.gov.uk.

6. Shropshire Learning Gateway

Most schools use the SLG as a gateway to CPD opportunities. **In tandem with the CPD transition process an SLG refresh is underway. The new SLG will have a live link direct to the CPD online booking portal thus creating a 'one stop shop' for all matters CPD.**

7. Contact

Please make use of the new inbox (cpd@chester.ac.uk.) or contact:-

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