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# **IMPROVING SECONDARY SCIENCE**

Free training programme for schools in the Newcastle area

## This free, practical course is designed to support secondary schools to implement the evidence-based recommendations of the EFF's 'Secondary Science' guidance report.

Based on the EEF's guidance and rooted in the latest research, this professional development programme will help you **lead** the improvement of Science teaching, pupil progress, and GCSE outcomes.

## Why take part in this programme?

- Free professional development, including three days of training, one twilight and two sessions of coaching.
- Opportunity to build professional networks in your area.
- £200 to support engagement with the programme.

## Who should take part?

This programme is aimed at **Heads of Science**, with explicit support from their senior leader who has line management responsibility for Science.

## **Commitment Required**

- All participating schools will need to sign a memorandum of understanding to sign up to the course.
- The Head of Science will need to attend all three training days. (Another Science teacher is encouraged to attend one of day 1, 2 or 3 and will need to take part in some elements of the in-school coaching sessions).
- Schools to provide time and support for Heads of Science to undertake the gap tasks between training sessions.
- Participating schools will need to be prepared to host and take part in 2 coaching sessions.

## Day 1 - 27 Sep 2019

#### Self-regulation and Science

- Why use evidence to support teaching?
- Developing self regulation to help pupils direct their own learning.
- Developing metacognition.
- Understanding memory and how to support pupils to retain and retrieve knowledge.

## Twilight - 24 Jun 2020

#### Embedding and Developing Practice (2 hours 4pm-6pm)

- Understanding implementation.
- Effective implementation planning.
- How to create and embed change.

## Day 2 - 16 Jan 2020

#### Language and Practicals

- The importance of the language of Science.
- How to develop scientific vocabulary and links to wider literacy.
- Using practicals purposefully and understanding the implications of cognitive load.

## Day 3 - 24 Apr 2020

#### **Misconceptions and Models**

- Why preconceptions and misconceptions are important.
- How to identify them and what to do about them.
- Using models to develop understanding and explicitly critiquing models to develop understanding.

## Coaching - TBA

#### Evidence-based implementation (half day)

- Understanding priorities for developing Science teaching
- Support and challenge for implementation planning.

## **Coaching** -TBA

Evidence-based implementation (half day)

- Reviewing and adapting implementation.
- Planning for spread or sustainability.
- Planning for future improvements.



TRAINING LOCATION: The Academy at Shotton Hall, Passfield Way, Peterlee, SR8 1AU