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Message From Neil Fazackerley LA Induction Co-ordinator



Happy New Year to all NQT Co-ordinators and NQTs in schools. I hope that you have all had a good Christmas break and are refreshed and ready for the term ahead. Thank you to those of you who have already sent in their Assessment Forms from last term. Please remember that these forms slightly changed format in September and the revised forms were all put on the www.wiganschoolsonline/nqt

website. This website continues to be a good source of information for NQT co-ordinators although I am currently thinking about how we will use the VLN in the future for NQT matters. Assessment forms must be with me by **19th January 2009**. Please do not send these electronically as emails can easily go astray. If you have any observations about the new forms please can you communicate these to me as the TDA will be reviewing them in the new year.

New January 2009 Starters

Please continue to complete registration forms and send these to Lorraine Carey at Progress House when a new NQT starts. You will need to provide information about their TDA skills tests and previous induction periods undertaken. Copies of previous assessment forms from other schools should also be sent in.

Master's Level Accreditation

A key challenge this year will be the introduction of the Masters Degree in Teaching and Learning which is to be piloted in the North West with new teachers next year. As yet a lot of the details have not

been finalised but I will be exploring these new qualifications as and when I hear the information. At present all Wigan NQTs are entitled to up to 60 M Level credits with Edge Hill, 20 of these can

be for the submission of their CEDP reflections. A session with Edge Hill has been arranged on 22nd January 2009 at 4.15 at the PDC if you wish to send your NQTs to this to find out more.

Residential

This years residential at Grange was a huge success. A similar event has been organised already for **26th and 27th November 2009** Other courses are available at the PDC during the term and these can be viewed on the Wiganschoolsonline site.

Special Educational Needs Pilot

In response to a series of OfSTED visits last year which showed that in many cases NQTs are not as well prepared to teach students with Special Educational Needs as they could be the TDA are trialling some training materials for NQTs. I am pleased that Wigan has agreed to be part of this pilot and 6 schools will be piloting the new training packages.

CEDP

The TDA are currently reviewing the CEDP and are developing a new self evaluation tool that will replace the current document from September 2009. You should continue to develop Transition Point 2 this term as normal ensuring that your NQTs have an action plan for their development. Once I know about the final model for the CEDP from September 2009 I will let you know.

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Please continue to contact me about NQT matters. I am based at the Professional Development Centre, Park Road, Hindley, WN2 3RY on 01942 767065. All issues can normally be resolved by talking them through on a case by case basis. I wish you a successful term.