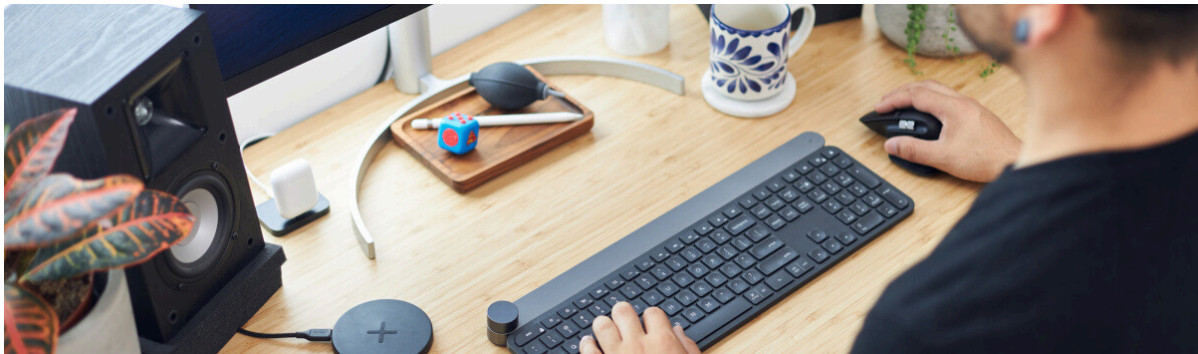


XAVIER ECTE WEEKLY BULLETIN

FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 7TH SEPTEMBER 2026



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KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A very warm welcome to everyone joining the Early Career Teacher Entitlement (ECTE) Programme this year. We are delighted to welcome our new Early Career Teachers, mentors and induction leads, and to welcome back those beginning their second year of the programme. We look forward to working alongside you all on a rewarding professional learning journey and supporting your continued growth and development throughout the year ahead.

We're here to help. If you have any questions or need support at any stage, please contact the ECTE team at teachingschoolhub@xavercet.org.uk or call **01932 578687**. We'd be delighted to help.

ECTE Member Area

To make life as easy as possible, all programme information, handbooks, guidance documents and resources can be found in the dedicated ECTE area of our website. Access details were included in your welcome letter if you are new to the programme. If you need a reminder, please navigate to the end of this bulletin for details on how to log in.

Social Media Ambassador we need you!

Are you an ECT1 interested in becoming a Social Media Ambassador?

Take a look at our Instagram page to get a feel for the style of our posts. The role involves creating and posting content weekly, with guidance and support from our team. A financial incentive is available for this role. If you're interested, please contact **Charlotte Carr** at c.carr@xavercet.org.uk.

IMPORTANT DATES

ECT 1 training

Wednesday 9th September: ECT1 session 1 online (see link below)

Mentor training dates for the year

All mentors must attend the Induction sessions whether you are a new or experienced as there have been changes to the programme. If you are a new mentor you must attend the sessions live, if you are experienced you may choose to watch the recording of the sessions.

Please note that where mentor sessions take place twice you only need to attend ONE of these sessions.

Mentoring a Year 1 ECT	Mentoring a Year 2 ECT
Tues 8th Sept & Thurs 10th Sept 4-5.30pm Induction sessions 1 & 2	Tues 8th Sept & Thurs 10th Sept 4-5.30pm Induction sessions 1 & 2
w/c 21st Sept 4-6pm Induction sessions 3,4,6	Thurs 8th Oct 4-5.30pm Induction sessions 3,4,6
Tues 13th Oct 4-5pm Induction session 5	Tues 13th Oct 4-5pm Induction session 5
Untrained or partially trained mentors	
Tues 3rd Nov & Thurs 5th Nov 4-5.30pm	Seminar 1: Moving from novice to expert
Tues 1st Dec & Thurs 3rd Dec 4-5.30pm	Seminar 2: Expert instructional coaching and deliberate practice
Tues 23rd Feb & Thurs 25th Feb 4-5.30pm	Seminar 3: Developing inclusive practice
Tues 13th Apr & Thurs 15th Apr 4-5.30pm	Seminar 4: Balancing support and challenge
Thurs 25th May & Thurs 27th May 4-5.30pm	Seminar 5: Developing resilience

YEAR 1 ECTS

Seminar information: Wednesday 9th September 4-5.30pm

All ECT1s to attend online session using the link below [Teams link to Seminar 1](#)

Seminar information: Put all of your seminar dates for the year in your diary [Seminar dates](#)

Brightspace: You should have received an email from Teach First with your Brightspace login. Logins are usually received within 2 weeks of registration. For access issues, contact Teach First via the

[Contact Teach First form](#).

Mentor meeting focus: Organise a regular meeting date. Discuss induction and any questions you may have. Discuss your post ITT targets and experience during your teacher training.

YEAR 2 ECTS

Development Cycle 1: *Developing pupils' intrinsic motivation. Anticipating and addressing common misconceptions*

Brightspace: Ensure you have access to the Year 2 ECT2 materials on Brightspace and familiarise yourself with the content. For access issues, contact Teach First via the [Contact Teach First form](#).

ECT2 Induction seminar 1: If you did not attend the live, online session in July 2026, please watch the [catch-up recording](#) and complete the [record of engagement form](#).

ECT2 Induction seminars 2, 4 and 5: Watch and complete Seminars 2, 4 and 5, then complete the **Record of Engagement Form** (links below).

Induction seminar 2: [Maximising Development Cycles](#)

Induction seminar 4: [Networking for professional development](#)

Induction seminar 5: [Inclusive practice](#)

Record of engagement form ([for Seminars 2, 4 and 5](#)) [click here](#).

ECT2 Induction seminar 3: Sustainable workload: Attend the live online seminar via Teams on **Monday 14th September at 4:00pm** ([link to Teams meeting](#)).

First ECT2 seminar: Make arrangements to attend your first seminar in **w/c 5th October**. Look out for an email from your seminar facilitator in **w/c 28th September**.

Mentor Meeting: Arrange your fortnightly mentor meetings for this term and discuss priorities for your professional development this year.

MENTORS

Mentor welcome session: All mentors need to attend online Induction sessions on **either Tuesday 8th September or Thursday 10th September 4-5.30pm** using the following link. [Mentor training session](#)

Training: Complete the mentor training needs analysis on Brightspace. This will indicate the level (if any) of mentor training you need to complete.

ECT 1 Mentor meeting focus: How is your ECT settling in? Discuss your ECT's post ITT targets with them.

ECT 2 Mentor meeting focus: Arrange your fortnightly mentor meetings for this term and discuss priorities for your ECT's professional development this year.

Mentor Handbooks: The Teach First Mentor Handbooks give you a week by week account of the programme and support you in your role. [Access them here and download for your reference](#).

INFORMATION FOR INDUCTION TUTORS

Thank you to all of you who have already watched the Induction Tutor Training entitled 'Leading the Early Career Journey'. If you haven't engaged in this yet, please find the link to the training session [here](#).

In addition to this live session, there is a **new compulsory** self-directed video for Induction Tutors for 2026. The video lasts around 30 minutes and covers everything you need to know about the programme, including the key changes for next year, so it is essential viewing. Access it here:
<https://www.tshub.xaviercet.org.uk/page/?title=Induction+tutor+training&pid=313>

Please ensure you scan the QR code to register your engagement. The video has also been added to the Induction Tutor Section of the Xavier shared member area on our website.

MENTOR FUNDING - Please note that you do not have to claim for any ECTE mentor funding, funding will come to schools directly from the information you enter on your DfE portal once your attendance at seminars is registered.

INDUCTION TUTOR CHECKLIST - Please find the autumn term checklist [linked here](#).

Please check in with all ECTs and mentors this week to ensure they feel settled in school, have their statutory entitlements in place and have booked a time for their first mentor meeting.

CLICK HERE TO MAKE CHANGES TO PROGRAMME MEMBER
INFORMATION

BRIGHTSPACE

If you have any questions about Teach First's online learning platform please contact them
by clicking on the button above.

MEMBER AREA

All information about the programme can be found on the Xavier ECTE Member area. Please
click on the button above and use the log in details below:

email: xavierecf@xavier.org.uk

password:
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CONTACT US

Our team is here to support you every step of the way. If you need help, have any
questions, or would like to speak with us directly, please get in touch using the button
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