

XAVIER ECTE WEEKLY BULLETIN

FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 21st SEPTEMBER 2026



Audio Version of Bulletin

KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARE YOU A PROGRAMME MEMBER IN EARLY YEARS?

More than 10,500 educators attended the RISE Reception webinar series this summer, with extremely positive feedback. If you work in Reception or EYFS, you may find these videos and resources helpful, or wish to share them with colleagues.

[RISE Reception Quality Webinar Series: autumn 2026 by DfE Live Events | Eventbrite](#)

LAST CALL FOR A YEAR 1 ECT SOCIAL MEDIA AMBASSADOR

If interested send a short video to c.carr@xaviercet.org.uk outlining what your experience has been like as an ECT so far in Year 1. There is financial remuneration for the role, and it involves a weekly post, in discussion with our team.

ACCESS TO BRIGHTSPACE

If you do not have access to Brightspace yet please check the following:

- Do you have an email from MyTeachFirst in your 'other' box?
- Check with your induction tutor if your school has registered you on the DfE RECT portal as this releases your Brightspace access.
- If your school registered their ECT after the 3rd of September there may be a delay in your access. If you have checked these and still do not have access please contact [Contact Us | My Teach First](#) directly.

If any links in this bulletin do not work for you, you may need to copy and paste the url and open it in a new window depending on your school's IT set up.

IMPORTANT DATES

ECT 1 Welcome seminar - take place between **the 21st and the 25th of September 4-6pm** depending on your venue (see messages for YEAR 1 ECTS)

ECT 2 seminar - take place between **between the 5th October and 9th of October** depending on your venue (see messages for YEAR 2 ECTS)

Mentor training dates:

If mentoring an ECT1 - Welcome Meeting 2: between 21st and 25th September 4-6pm in person (see messages for MENTORS) details have been sent to your ECT.

If mentoring an ECT2 - Welcome Meeting 2: Thursday 8th October at 4pm **online** [Link to Teams meeting](#) (see messages for MENTORS)

YEAR 1 ECTS

Welcome sessions

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ECT 1 seminars

Module 1 Seminar 1: Using praise and consequences effectively - **Wednesday 30th September** - 4-5.30pm **online** (led by Xavier) [Link to Teams meeting](#)

Brightspace Tasks

Module 1: How can you create an effective learning environment?

Complete session 2: Developing motivation

If you cannot access Brightspace please contact: [Contact Us | My Teach First](#)

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The Brightspace materials for Module 1 have been download to the ECTE Member Area, if you do not have access to Brightspace this will enable you to look at the content for the module, here: [Link to ECTE Area](#)

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MENTORS

Mentors mentoring an ECT1

Brightspace Task

Mentor Meeting Focus

1. Establishing effective routines [Mentor Handbook p16-18](#)

Mentors mentoring an ECT2

DC1 - Mentor Interaction 1 [Mentor Handbook p12-13](#)

Diagnostic Tools

There are two different ways you can access your ECT's diagnostic

1. Via the Mentor Diagnostic Tool tile at the top of your ECT's Brightspace course page.
2. Via the 'Diagnostic Tool' button on the Brightspace navigation bar.

Mentor Training

Welcome sessions 1&2 - The recording of these sessions is on the secure area of the website [Link to Secure Area](#). If you were unable to attend the session live please watch this recording and fill in the [engagement form](#).

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Fully Trained, Partially Trained and New Mentors

We are aware that there are many of you who have mentored a trainee or ECT before and as the programme progresses there are increasing variables of 'mentor types' in terms of their training status. Xavier will only have a record of your training if you have completed ECT Mentor training with us before. All other mentor's status is determined by a Training Needs Analysis button on your Brightspace platform.

Fully Trained Mentors - Will not have access to the Training Needs Analysis or Mentor Training on Brightspace as Teach First will recognise them as trained. They will complete the welcome seminars and attend no further training. Fully Trained Mentors will have access to the Diagnostic tool and their ECT's Modules in order to support their ECT's recommended pathway.

Partially Trained Mentors - Will need to complete the Mentor Eligibility question sent to them via email from Teach First. This will release the Mentor Training Needs analysis on Brightspace. If you have not received this email please contact [Contact Us | My Teach First](#)

New Mentors - Will need to complete the Mentor Eligibility question sent to them via email from Teach First in order to release the correct materials on Brightspace. If you have not received this email please contact [Contact Us | My Teach First](#)

FAQs from Mentor Training

These are the same links as last week

A few links below which we have included in response to queries at the mentor training this week:

DfE Guidance on mentoring entitlement - [Mentors: responsibilities for early career teacher entitlement](#)

Introduction videos on Brightspace - [Mentor overview - ECTE 2025](#)

Brightspace Tips and Tricks: [Brightspace tips & tricks - ECTE 2025](#)

Video of how to look at your ECT's progress on Brightspace [Xavier Teaching School Hub - Brightspace - viewing ECT submissions](#)

INFORMATION FOR INDUCTION TUTORS

Are you a new Induction Tutor? - If so, please contact Sophie Hunter

s.hunter@xaviercet.org.uk to arrange a Teams meeting to go over any questions you may have about your new role. Sophie can answer any questions you may have, explain all the different platforms and ensure you know exactly your responsibilities for the term. You should have also engaged with the videos for induction tutors here: [Xavier Teaching School Hub - Induction tutor training](#)

ECT's partway through the programme - If you have an ECT who has just joined you from another school and is part-way through their induction. We are currently requesting their previous reports from their schools and will upload them onto ECT Manager in the '**documents tab**' once we have received them.

Support videos for registering on the DfE portal

If you have registered your ECT with Xavier but need support registering them with the DfE this video will walk you through the process

[GOV.UK - Register early career teachers service: supporting videos](#)

Update ECT Manager - please update all information and check all programme members are correct on the ECT manager system e.g. new Headteachers.

Need to change a mentor or any details? Please complete this Google Form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13Sw4sr8aJEtypDRSlbEgqlm-ssxuXwfjJd_1bQ-ARiY/edit

Here is the link to the form for changing programme members:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13Sw4sr8aJEtypDRSlbEgqlm-ssxuXwfjJd_1bQ-ARiY/edit

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION REGARDING BRIGHTSPACE?

If you have any questions about Teach First's online learning platform please contact them
<https://my.teachfirst.org.uk/contact-us>

LOG IN TO OUR MEMBER AREA BELOW:

All information about the programme can be found on the Xavier ECTE Member area here:
Log in details below:

<https://www.tshub.xavercet.org.uk/>

email: xavierecf@xavier.org.uk

password:
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CONTACT US BELOW:

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, at
teachingschoolhub@xavercet.org.uk

Thank you for your patience with us at this busy we will try to get back to you asap.



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