

XAVIER ECTE WEEKLY BULLETIN

FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 28th SEPTEMBER 2026



Audio Version of Bulletin

KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was lovely to see so many ECT1s and mentors in person at the Welcome Seminar this week. Many of our central team attended these seminars to answer questions, but if you do have any queries about the programme please contact us at teachingschoolhub@xaviercet.org.uk

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

To find out more from our ECTs working in schools, follow us on Instagram [@xaviertshub](https://www.instagram.com/xaviertshub) for key updates, important reminders, and first-hand experiences from ECTs.

Hear from Annabel our Year 2 ECT Social Media Ambassador.

Watch this space for our Year 1 Social Media Ambassador announcement.....



IMPORTANT DATES

ECT 1 seminar - online on **Wednesday 30th September** (see messages for YEAR 1 ECTS)

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

Mentor training dates:

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

YEAR 1 ECTS

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 3: Addressing low-level disruption

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

Brightspace Mentor Support Videos

Teach First have released new short support videos for navigating and using Brightspace

[ECTP 2026: The Year 1 Diagnostic Process](#)

[Getting started with Brightspace: A guide for ECTs](#)

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THOSE ECT 1s STILL AWAITING BRIGHTSPACE ACCESS

The Brightspace materials for Module 1 have been downloaded 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: [Link to ECTE Area](#)

Once you have access you will be required to log in and click through these materials to register your engagement.

YEAR 2 ECTS

ECT2 Welcome Seminars (Deadline: Friday 23rd October 2026): Please watch all welcome seminar recordings below and complete the relevant record of engagement forms by **Friday 23rd October 2026**.

- **Welcome Seminar 1:** [Catch-up recording](#) and [record of engagement form](#)
- **Welcome Seminar 2:** [Maximising Development Cycles](#)
- **Welcome Seminar 4:** [Networking for professional development](#)
- **Welcome Seminar 5:** [Inclusive practice](#)

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

If you were unable to attend the *ECT2 welcome seminar 3: Sustainable workload* on *Monday 14th September*, you will receive an email from our team this week with a recording and engagement form to complete. Please complete this within 7 days.

Self-Study on Brightspace: Each term, ECT2s are required to complete 50 minutes of self-study on Brightspace (two 25-minute units) linked to the Development Cycle theme. At this stage, please complete **Theme 1 (25 minutes)** and the **Knowledge Check** at the end of the module to evidence your engagement and learning.

Important: The self-study includes **pre-work that must be completed before your upcoming seminar**. Please ensure that you bring your reflections to the seminar (see below).

Pre-seminar reflection: Think of a pupil who is less motivated to learn and consider:

1. What might be driving this behaviour?
2. How could the strategies from the self-study help frame success or failure in a way that improves their motivation?

Brightspace Support Videos

Teach First have released new short support videos for navigating and using Brightspace

[ECTP: The Year 2 Diagnostic Process](#)

[Getting started with Brightspace: A guide for ECTs](#)

ECT2 Seminars: Please see below for details of your upcoming seminars:

- **Primary ECT2s:** *Development Cycle 1.1: Developing Pupils' Intrinsic Motivation*
Week commencing 5th October | Face-to-face seminar
- **SEND ECT2s:** *Development Cycle 1.1: Developing Pupils' Intrinsic Motivation*
Week commencing 5th October | Online seminar
- **Secondary ECT2s:** *Development Cycles 1.1 and 1.2: Developing Pupils' Intrinsic Motivation and Anticipating and Addressing Common Misconceptions*
Week commencing 5th October | Face-to-face seminar

You should receive an email from your facilitator, early next week, with details about your first Development Cycle session. If you have not received an email by **Wednesday 30th September**, please contact I.fullbrook@xaviercet.org.uk

MENTORS

Mentors mentoring an ECT1

Brightspace Task

Mentor Meeting Focus

1. Read the section Developing Motivation in the [Mentor Handbook p19-21](#)

Mentors mentoring an ECT2

There is no Mentor meeting this week

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.

Brightspace Mentor Support Videos

Teach First have released new short support videos for navigating and using Brightspace

[Getting started with Brightspace: A guide for mentors](#)

[ECTP: The Brightspace Auditing Function for Mentors](#)

[ECTP 2026: The Year 1 Diagnostic Process](#)

[ECTP: The Year 2 Diagnostic Process](#)

Mentor Training

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

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. 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](#)

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 talk you through the platforms you will work on and ensure you are aware of your responsibilities for the term ahead. If you haven't already engaged in the induction tutor training please do so here: [Xavier Teaching School Hub - Induction tutor training](#)

Actions this week

- Do your ECTs know who you are and are you available if they need you?

- Check in with ECTs and mentors to see how your ECTs are settling into their classes.
- Follow up on any ECTs who may need a little more support, check they know school procedures and are clear about processes. Please address any concerns early so that any extra support needed can be put in place. Please do let us know if this is the case.

We have a [supportive early intervention guide](#) that may help iron out any problems before they grow.

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](#)

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.

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

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13Sw4sr8aJEtypDRSlbEgglm-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.xaviercet.org.uk/>

email: xavierectf@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, please contact us: teachingschoolhub@xaviercet.org.uk

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



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