

XAVIER ECTE WEEKLY BULLETIN

FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 5th OCTOBER 2026



Audio Version of Bulletin

KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREE SEND RESOURCES RELEASED BY THE DfE

The DfE have just launched a set of new **FREE** SEND and inclusion training resources for early years settings, schools and post-16 providers, including online training and adaptable in-house materials to support inclusive practice and improve outcomes for learners with SEND. Access the early years training via [Dingley's Promise Early Years CPD](#).

EARLY YEARS CPD TRAINING

Dingley's Promise Training Early Years SEND CPD courses to support inclusive practice in the early years



Funded Early Years SEND CPD courses from Dingley's Promise are flexible online courses to be completed at a time which suits you. Benefitting from a whole setting approach, the courses will look at strategies and information to help you unlock the potential of each unique child. Full of reflective activities and practical case studies the courses have everything you will need to develop your inclusive approach.

- Delivered by Dingley's Promise – specialist SEND early years provider with over 40 years experience
- Flexible content which can be completed remotely at your own pace
- Interactive and engaging learning content with practical activities and opportunities to...

SEND In-House Training Materials for Schools and Post-16 Settings

Developed by Ambition Institute, these adaptable materials help leaders, teachers and support staff build a shared understanding of inclusion and strengthen approaches that enable all learners to belong, achieve and thrive.

Links to these **FREE** resources can be found here:

- **Schools:** [SEND and Inclusion Training for Mainstream Schools](#)
- **Post-16 settings:** [SEND and Inclusion Training for Post-16 Settings](#)

Whilst not part of your ECT training programme, we are pleased to share these resources as they may support you and your colleagues in school.

IMPORTANT DATES

ECT 1 seminar - takes place **between** the **12th October** and **15th October** depending on your venue (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 2: Holding high expectations of all pupils - **week commencing 12th October** - 4-5.30pm in person.

Brightspace Tasks

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

Complete session 4: Managing complex behaviour

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

Brightspace 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 (this will only take a few minutes).

YEAR 2 ECTS

ECT2 seminars: Your first ECT2 seminars are coming up during the **week commencing 5th October**. Please see the details below. You should have received a welcome email from your facilitator with further information about your seminar. If you have not

yet heard from your facilitator, please contact l.fullbrook@xaviercet.org.uk who will be happy to help.

- **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

If you are unsure of the details of your seminars you can search here: [Xavier Teaching School Hub - ECT Year 2](#)

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](#)

MENTORS

Mentors mentoring an ECT1

Brightspace Task

Mentor Meeting Focus

1. Read the section Addressing low-level disruption in the [Mentor Handbook p22-24](#)

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 tool:

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 the following really useful videos to support you monitoring your ECT's progress on Brightspace and support your ECT with their self study.

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

[ECTP: The Brightspace Auditing Function for Mentors](#) This allows you to see your ECT's progress on Brightspace.

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

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

Mentor Training

If mentoring an ECT2 - Welcome seminar 2: Instructional coaching and Deliberate Practice:

Thursday 8th October at 4pm online [Link to Teams meeting](#)

For all mentors - Welcome seminar 3: Workload and wellbeing: **Tuesday 13th October 4-5pm** 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

to arrange a Teams meeting to go over any questions you may have about your new role: s.hunter@xaviercet.org.uk. 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](#)

Entitlement checks

In the next seminar evaluation, we will be asking all ECTs whether they are receiving their statutory entitlements. Please take the opportunity now to check in with your ECTs to ensure they know who their mentor is, are meeting with them weekly, and are receiving their 10% timetable reduction in Year 1 and 5% in Year 2.

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: 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, 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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