

# ECF Year 1 and 2 Bulletin



Week 31: w/c Monday 13th May 2024



## KEY MESSAGES

We appreciate you taking the time to engage with this week's bulletin for the w/c 13th May 2024.

## MESSAGES FOR YEAR 1 ECTS (Sept 2023/Jan 2024 starters)

### Brightspace

- In Week 31, you will continue your study of **Module 5**. On Brightspace, please complete the section entitled **Providing additional scaffolds**. This will take a maximum of 60 minutes.

### Interaction with your mentor

- In Week 31, you will have your usual weekly **mentor meeting**.
- Your mentor will also carry out a **10-minute drop-in observation**, looking at how effectively you scaffold your pupils' learning using one of the following methods: scaffolding questioning; scaffolding through guided group work with the teacher or TA; using flexible grouping; providing additional practice time.

### Seminars

- In Week 31 (or Week 32 for those ECTs at SJB), you will attend your second **seminar** for Module 5. This will be on the topic of **adaptive teaching and the graduated approach**. A gentle reminder that seminar attendance is a compulsory part of your ECF programme. All attendance is reported back to Teach First, who, in turn, are required to report it back to the DfE which releases your funding.

## MESSAGES FOR YEAR 1 ECTS & MENTORS (Apr 2024 starters)

### ECTs

#### **ACTION:**

- In Week 31, you will hold your usual 60-minute weekly **mentor meeting**.
- In Week 31, catch up with any of the induction videos you have not yet managed to watch. Next week you will begin your online study of Module 1 on *Brightspace*. *Brightspace* logins are sent directly to you from Teach First, so if you have not yet received an email with your login details, please do double-check your junk mail folder. If your school registered you with the DfE more than two weeks ago and you have not received your login, please email Kate du Toit, on [k.dutoit@xaviercet.org.uk](mailto:k.dutoit@xaviercet.org.uk).

### Mentors

#### **ACTION:**

- Please read the actions for your ECT (above).
- Please watch the mentor **induction video** on [Mentoring to develop strong relationships](#) (14:02 mins).
- Please hold your usual 60-minute weekly meeting with your ECT, using the guidance in the *Overview and welcome* document, which can be found in the secure area of the website (login details above). [Overview and welcome document](#)

## MESSAGE FOR YEAR 2 ECTS

[Development Cycle 5 - Using structured talk to develop pupils' literacy.](#)

### Interaction with your mentor

- **ACTION:** There is no mentor meeting scheduled for this week. Instead, your mentor will carry out a **short drop-in observation** (e.g. 10 minutes) to look at the impact and improvement you have made to your practice, as a result of Development Cycle 5.

### ECT 2 checklist for the Summer term:

- **ACTION:** Please click [here](#) to access a Summer term checklist for ECT 2s. This will give Year 2 ECTs a week-by-week checklist for the remainder of the year.

## MESSAGES FOR MENTORS

The ECF Programme offers mentors training over a two-year period. We have mentors at all different stages of their training, supporting ECTs in both their first and second years.

### This week's mentor checklist (for those mentoring Year 1 ECTs)



#### **ACTION:**

- Please read *Messages for Year 1 ECTs* above.
- Please hold your usual **weekly mentor meeting** with your ECT for approximately one hour.
- In Week 31, you are asked to carry out a **10-minute drop-in observation** looking at how effectively your ECT scaffolds learning. Please refer to pages 85-86 of your [Year 1 Mentor Handbook](#).
- Please watch the short mentor overview video (7:46 mins) so that you know what your ECT will be studying: [Week 31 mentor overview video](#)
- Key dates and information for the summer term are in the [ECT 1 mentor checklist](#) which can also be found in the secure [Mentor Area](#) on our website.

### This week's mentor checklist (for those mentoring Year 2 ECTs)



#### **ACTION:**

- Please read *Messages for Year 2 ECTs* above.
- This week, you should arrange to have a **drop-in observation** of your ECT. The purpose of this observation is to observe how they are integrating their focus for this half term in to their practice.
- Key dates and information for the summer term are in the [ECT 2 Mentor checklist](#) which can also be found in the ECF Member Area - [in the Mentor Area](#).

## Mentor training

**Year 1 Mentor training** - Mentors in their *first* year of the programme

#### **ACTION:**

- If you were unable to attend any of the three Mentor Training seminars on Zoom last week (w/c 6th May), you *must* watch the recording of the training and complete the link to register your engagement:

Recording Link: <https://youtu.be/h4o60ba3oy0>

Register/Evaluation Link: Complete the [Record of Engagement form](#)

**Year 2 Mentor training** - Mentors in their *second* year of the programme

#### **ACTION:**

- The third and final Mentor Training seminar will be online on *either Tuesday 21st May or Thursday 23rd May*. They will run from **3.45pm** and we intend for the seminar to be approx. 30mins. Please add *one* of these dates to your diary. The focus of the seminar is 'Moving beyond the ECF'. The Zoom link is the same

for both sessions:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85415764774?pwd=LzRpRTNDbGhZUFUFGc2xZTncxS2N4QT09>

Meeting ID: 854 1576 4774

Passcode: 386595

## MESSAGE FOR INDUCTION TUTORS

**ACTION: ECTs at risk of not meeting standards at the end of this term-** Please can you contact [s.hunter@xaviercet.org.uk](mailto:s.hunter@xaviercet.org.uk) by **20th May**, if you are concerned that you have an ECT who may not meet standards at the end of the year. It's important for ECTs to have time to show progress against their support plan targets before a judgement is made.

**IMPORTANT: If we do not hear from you by the end of this half term, we will assume that your ECTs will successfully pass their induction in July.**

**Draft dates of seminars for 24/25** - To help with your planning for next year, we have added the draft dates for year 1 and 2 seminars to the induction tutor area on our Member Area.

**Recruiting an ECT:** If your school is in the position where they may recruit a teacher who has already started their ECF induction, you may wish to ask the following as part of your interview process:

- Please confirm the number of terms they have completed as part of their ECF induction.
- Have they successfully passed each term?
- Have there been any times during the induction where they have been on a support plan or cause for concern?

For us to continue to successfully run 23 ECF Hubs across a wide geographical area, we need to continue to recruit ECTs for September 24. We are passionate about offering convenient and high quality seminars for our ECTs so if you are able to spread the word in your local area we would greatly appreciate it.

[Register a new ECT here](#)

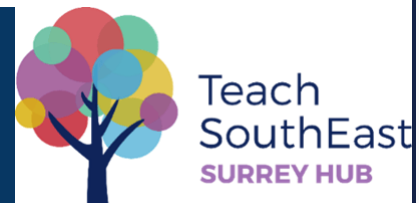
## ADDITIONAL CPD

### Artificial Intelligence (AI) to support and enhance high-quality teaching practice.

Thank you for all those who attended this fantastic CPD training, we had a huge online turn out for this session.

For those who were unable to come, please follow this [link](#) for the recording.

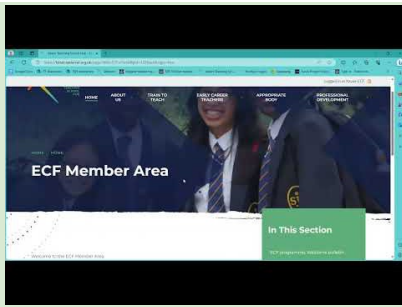
## DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO WOULD MAKE A GREAT TEACHER?



If you know anyone who you think would make a great teacher, and who might like to train to teach with an outstanding ITT provider (Xavier Teach SouthEast), please do send them our way!

They might like to take a moment to flick through XTSE's prospectus [here](#) or watch some of our 'success stories' [here](#).

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Xavier ECF Member**



ECF member area

## Area?

Please click on the video on the left for a short tutorial of where you can access all the information mentioned in this bulletin.

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