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The Blessed Thomas Holford Teaching School Alliance and Chesterfield High School partnership is proudly delivering National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) in collaboration with Ambition Institute, the graduate school for teachers, school leaders and system leaders



I am delighted to write this introduction to our Teaching School Prospectus and hope there are courses and opportunities within it which will take you further in your desire to be an outstanding school leader. I have been fortunate to have spent 30 years in senior school leadership with 24 of those years as a Headteacher in different schools.



At Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College, our mission is summed up in the phrase “Inspiring People Changing Lives”. Now I think that is an accurate description of the work of a leader, whether at middle or senior level. We are vital in transforming the lives of thousands of children and ensuring our communities are places of hope and aspiration for every child we meet. The quality of leadership training on offer has never been better. The programmes in this prospectus are led by outstanding leaders with proven track records of improving schools and outcomes for pupils. They are backed with excellent resources and materials to use as reference during the programme and beyond the programme. Above all, you will meet some great people working in other schools who will offer you a balance and perspective to your own leadership experience and provide an invaluable opportunity to share your thinking.

With best wishes.

John Cornally

Why Choose our Partnership?

Our shared mission is to work for a society built on an education system where every child can thrive, no matter what their background. Ambition Institute was formed in November 2016 from two education charities, The Future Leaders Trust and Teaching Leaders. It is building a network of exceptional school leaders at all levels to transform the lives of the children who need it most by providing world-class leadership development and technical training to educators across England and Wales – from teachers aspiring to lead their department to CEOs steering multiple schools, and all the crucial leadership roles in between.



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Meet Our Facilitators

We pride ourselves in offering a first-rate provision which will add value to your Middle and Senior Leadership Teams. Ambition Institute has been awarded the Department for Education's licence to deliver NPQs. The expert facilitators for this programme include an Executive Headteacher, two Heads of School and a host of Senior Leaders. Associates include an NLE and five SLEs.

Mr John Cornally



Mr John Cornally MBE is a National Leader for Education. John is the Executive Headteacher of Blessed Thomas Holford.

Mr Kevin Sexton



Kevin Sexton is Headteacher at Chesterfield High School, Crosby, Liverpool. His role focuses on raising standards across the whole school with a particular focus on the performance of High Ability students and challenge across the curriculum.

Mr Lee Fishwick



Mr Lee Fishwick is the Head of School at Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College. Lee is an SLE of Closing the Gap, Mathematics and Curriculum Design.

Mrs Catherine Connaughton



Mrs Catherine Connaughton is the Deputy Headteacher of Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College and Head of Sixth Form.

Mrs Emma Taylor



Mrs Emma Taylor is an Associate Deputy Headteacher at Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College and an SLE for CPD. Emma is in charge of the Quality of Education, Performance Management and Director of Blessed Thomas Holford Teaching School.



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Mr Andy Thorpe



Mr Andy Thorpe is an Assistant Headteacher at Blessed Thomas Holford. Andy is in charge of Coaching.

Mrs Antonia Butterworth



Mrs Antonia Butterworth is an Assistant Headteacher at Blessed Thomas Holford and an SLE for English. Antonia is in charge of staff development.

Mr Shane Goldrick



Mr Shane Goldrick is an Assistant Headteacher at Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College and an SLE for Physical Education. Shane is in charge of Key Stage 3 and Pupil Premium.

Mr Chris Loughlin



Mr Chris Loughlin is Assistant Headteacher responsible for Quality of Education at Chesterfield High School, Crosby, Liverpool.

Mr Paul Lindley



Mr Paul Lindley is an Assistant Headteacher (Pupil Progress & Standards) of Chesterfield High School. Paul leads on school Character and Culture.

Mr Jonny Regan



Mr Jonny Regan is an Assistant Headteacher for Raising Attainment and Head of Year 11 at Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College. In addition to this, Jonny is an SLE for Attendance and Behaviour and Discipline.

Miss Gemma Quinn



Miss Gemma Quinn is a Director of Learning at Chesterfield High School, responsible for MFL, Holocaust Education and marking and feedback across the school.

“Leadership in education is about learning- the learning of others has to be at the heart of the decision-making of any educational leader.”



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Programme of study

“Every child deserves a champion – an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be.”

	NPQML	NPQSL
Eligibility Criteria	An aspiring or current middle leader who has a track record of two years as a ‘Good’ teacher and has successfully supported a middle leadership initiative	An aspiring or current senior leader who has a track record of two years as a ‘Good’ teacher and has been a successful middle leader for at least two years
Is this course for me?	The focus of this programme is to ensure all participants increase their confidence, capability and impact as a middle leader. It will empower participants to develop proactively a strong network to support them in their first steps to leadership. Participants will be assessed through a written assignment and interview to ensure they have reached the requirements	The focus of this programme is the participant’s own leadership development, including how to make the best use of tasks and tools to make the transition to senior leadership. Participants will be assessed through a written assignment and interview to ensure they have reached the requirements
Charge	£1,300	£1,600



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Delivery Sessions

NPQML Delivery

Saturday 17 th October 2020	09.00-11.00	Middle Leadership: Learning to lead and manage	Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College, WA15 8HT
	11.15-13.00	Impactful leadership: Where do we want to be and how do I best motivate and influence others to get there?	
	13.30-15.30	Data Leadership: Where are we now? How do I know?	
	15.30-16.00	Assessment Introduction	
Saturday 6 th February 2021	09.00-11.00	Team Leadership: How can I get the best out of the team?	Chesterfield High School, L239YB
	11.15-13.00	Instructional Leadership: how can I use professional development to raise standards and embed change?	
	13.30-15.00	Reflective leadership: what have you achieved and what is next for you?	

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NPQSL Delivery

Saturday 17 th October 2020	09.00-11.00	Leading: influence, motivation and vision	Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College, WA15 8HT
	11.15-13.00	Leading change: sustainable change management	
	13.30-15.30	Leading data: data informed leadership	
	15.30-16.00	Assessment Introduction	
Saturday 6 th February 2021	09.00-11.00	Leading teaching and learning: Improving classroom practice	Chesterfield High School, L239YB
	11.15-13.00	Leading curriculum: delivering curriculum excellence	
	13.30-15.00	Leading a school for all: inclusion and effective pastoral support	
Saturday 3 rd July 2021	9.00-11.00	Leading teams and people: delivering through others	Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College, WA15 8HT
	11.15-1.15	Leading staff development: professional development and talent management	
	2.00-4.00	Leading school improvement: self-evaluation and strategic planning	

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We deliver the Department for Education's National Professional Qualification for Middle Leadership (NPQML) and National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL) in partnership with Ambition Institute.

Each NPQ – regardless of level – covers seven leadership behaviours and six competencies:

Leadership behaviours:

- Commitment
- Collaboration
- Personal drive
- Resilience
- Awareness
- Integrity
- Respect

Competencies:

- Strategy and Improvement
- Leading with Impact
- Teaching and Curriculum Excellence
- Managing Resources and Risk
- Working in Partnership
- Building Capacity

In order to complete your chosen NPQ you will be required to:

- Attend all training sessions and any other requirements set out by the provider.
- Complete an in-school project and submit a write-up of this project (showing how, through completion of this project, you have evidenced the required competencies and behaviours).- This project must last for at least two terms. -The NPQML and NPQSL require completion of one project only-You must submit your write-up and all evidence within 18 months of the start of your programme.

Please see the [NPQ Content and Assessment Framework](#) for more detail about your chosen NPQ, including assignments and placements.

To support you in the completion of your chosen NPQ our offer includes as standard:

- Expert-designed curriculum, content and resources which align to the required leadership behaviours and competencies, provided by Ambition Institute
- Face-to-face, facilitated training delivered over at least two terms (but no more than 18 months)
- Two 360° reviews (at the beginning and end of the programme)
- Option of a Viva
- A network of peers and relevant experts
- Assessment support and full assessment of your final submission
- Trained and quality assured facilitators of whom at least 50% are serving school leaders



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Booking On to Our Courses

The deadline for applications is Monday 5th October 2020

In order to apply for a NPQ, please click the following link:

<https://forms.gle/oRB5y5TL0VmMqMZ6>

NPQ Application Form

*Required

Partner Name

Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College / Chesterfield High School

Qualification *

NPQML

NPQSL

Cost of course (your participant fee)

NPQSL: £1600

NPQML: £1300

Has the participant already been submitted for the scholarship?

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Yes

No

Is the participant part of a MAT that has at least ONE school within Category 5 or 6? *

Yes

If you have any questions at all about this course, please contact:

blessedthomas.admin@trafford.gov.uk