LEEDS BECKETT UNIVERSITY
CARNEGIE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION



CARNEGIE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

As we head into a new term, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on the past few months and express our sincere gratitude for everything you have contributed to our shared work.

Your collaboration and support throughout last term have been truly invaluable, and we hope you have all enjoyed a well-deserved and restful break.

In particular, we want to thank you for your continued partnership during our recent Ofsted inspection. Your support during that period meant a great deal to us, and we are proud of what we have achieved together. We are very happy to meet with any of you to share the learning and insights we take from the inspection process, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like to arrange a conversation. We will, of course, share the findings from the final report with you as soon as it is available.

Looking ahead, our commitment to working alongside you remains as strong as ever. Whether you are looking for support, resources, or simply an opportunity to collaborate, our door is always open.

Thank you again for being such an important part of what we do.



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Celebrating Success

You will have no doubt had contact with one of our wonderful Partnership Development Team over the course of this academic year who will have been discussing student placements with you. Working together across this academic year. So far:

- There have been 897 student placements in 271 different schools and colleges
- We have welcomes 82 new partner schools
- We have received 72 Mentor of the Year nominations (we've got our work cut out shortlisting!) – nominees & winners will be announced at our next conference on Wednesday 24th June.

We have received large amounts of positive feedback from students with regards to their school placements and mentors. Here are just a few examples:

"The staff in this environment were so welcoming and lovely. This was something that I felt was such a positive takeaway as it made my experience so much easier."

"My mentor was so helpful and friendly, never felt like any question I asked was a silly one."

"My school-based mentor has gone above and beyond to help me develop a strong start to my teaching career."

"I felt trusted to teach and plan 80% and received positive, constructive feedback and applied it in my teaching."

"The children have been amazing and my mentor, I could not talk about her highly enough. She was amazing!!!"



New School Partners

We would like to warmly welcome a further 28 new and returning schools and colleges to the partnership who will be taking students on placement in this summer term. They are:

- Bramley Sunnyside Infant School
- Brayton Academy
- Burley St Matthias CofE Primary School
- Castle Hall Academy
- COOP Academy Nightingale
- Ebor Gardens Primary Academy
- Emmaus Catholic and CofE Primary School
- Greatwood Community Primary and Nursery
- Hawksworth CofE Primary School
- Horsforth New Laithes
- Ingrow Primary School
- Manor Croft Academy
- Moor End Academy
- New Park Primary Academy
- Ninelands Primary School
- Peel Park Primary School
- Royds Hall, A Share Academy
- Shade Primary School
- Shakespeare Primary School
- Sharley Park Community Primary School
- South Hiendley Primary School
- Stanley St Peters
- St Helen's Hemsworth
- St John's Catholic Specialist School for the Deaf
- Swain House Primary School
- Talbot Primary School
- The Calder Learning Trust
- Trawden Forest Primary School

Working in partnership

Graduate Employment Survey
We are gathering data to better understand the employment of Leeds Beckett University (LBU) graduates in schools across the region. We would be most grateful if you could take five minutes to complete this survey. Your responses will help us strengthen partnerships and improve graduate outcomes.

Placement Survey Feedback
So far, we have had 114 mentors respond to our surveys sent at the end of each placement. This feedback is very important to us, and we do act on what you tell us. General positive themes include:

- Mentors know what is expected of them and are confident
- PebblePad, handbook and weekly newsletters are useful
- Mentors felt well supported
- Students are ready for placement
- Lead mentor visit is good for support, validation and advice
- Mentor training is helpful and informative.

An area to develop commented on by mentors include:

- More flexibility with university Lead Mentor visits (we do ask our staff to be as flexible as possible within the progress review window, but we will certainly remind them about the need for flexibility)

We welcome offers to take our students on placement
We have a variety of excellent students who we can place in your nursery, primary school, secondary school or college throughout the year, including:

- Undergraduate primary 3-11 with QTS students in years 1, 2 and 3 of their courses
- Postgraduate primary 3-11 with QTS students who follow a one-year full time course
- Postgraduate secondary 11-18 with QTS students for English, Maths, Physical Education, Physics and new for 2026-27 Biology and Chemistry, who follow a one-year full time course.

Upcoming student placements

- Please find below a brief overview of the placements we will be looking for during the next academic year (please note dates may be subject to slight change). If you have any questions or can make offers for any for these placements, please email us via **carnegie.partnerships@leedsbeckett.ac.uk**

Main Placement Dates			
Cohort	Phase	Start Date	End Date
Undergraduate			
BA (Hons) Primary Education Level 6	Phase 3	Mon 12 Oct 2026	Fri 18 Nov 2026
BA (Hons) Primary Education Level 4	Hollistic (Observational)	Mon 16 Nov 2026	Fri 27 Nov 2026
BA (Hons) Primary Education Level 5	Phase 2	Mon 18 Jan 2027	Fri 19 Mar 2027
BA (Hons) Primary Education Level 4	Phase 1	Tues 16 Mar 2027	Fri 14 May 2027
Postgraduate - Primary			
PGCE Primary Education (Full-time Route)	Phase 1	Wed 4 Nov 2026	Fri 5 Feb 2027
PGCE Primary Education (Part-time Route)	Phase 1	Wed 4 Nov 2026	Tues 11 May 2027
PGCE Primary Education (Part-time Route)	Phase 2	Wed 4 Nov 2026	Fri 28 May 2027
PGCE Primary Education (Full-time Route)	Phase 2	Wed 3 Mar 2027	Thurs 1 Jul 2027
Postgraduate - Secondary			
PGCE Secondary Education (Full-time Route)	Phase 1	Wed 4 Nov 2026	Fri 12 Feb 2027
PGCE Secondary Education (Part-time Route)	Phase 1	Wed 4 Nov 2026	Tues 11 May 2027
PGCE Secondary Education (Full-time Route)	Phase 2	Wed 3 Mar 2027	Thurs 1 Jul 2027

Mentor Training

Mentor Training Conference

On Wednesday 25th March we held our second mentor conference of the year. It was lovely to see so many of our school-based Mentors in attendance. Sessions on the day included

- A Day in the Life of a Muslim student
- Mentoring with Emotional Intelligence
- A mini research conference covering university colleagues' work on radicalisation, masculinity and the education experience of black mixed-race learners
- Supporting student progress

We are most grateful for the useful input of mentors in these sessions.

Feedback received has been positive and here are some comments from those in attendance:

"Appropriate, informative content. It felt like quality CPD on top of useful mentor training."

"Bilal gave me more confidence to support and discuss issues for Muslim students. Particularly to language used for different prayers and the concessions that can be made in the workplace."

"I will reflect on how emotional intelligence impacts the way feedback is given and received."

The next conference will be on **Wednesday 24th June.** This will include a celebration of all the work completed this year, and the announcement of our Mentor of the Year as nominated by our student teachers. You can book onto this conference via the ESTEEM mentor training platform, and we hope to see as many of you there as possible.

ESTEEM Mentor Training Platform

We have 564 mentors registered on the platform, which is great news! We do hope you find it useful for your professional learning as a mentor. If you haven't registered for our mentor training platform, please do so via this link ESTEEM mentor training platform.

Our mentor training platform will continue to be updated. Remember, anyone in your school can access these courses, so please do point any colleague who are thinking of mentoring in this direction if they feel they would benefit from any training.

The second essential mentor training course is now available:

- Understanding the ITTECF

There are several new enhancing mentor training courses on the platform:

- Giving in-task feedback
- Mentor self-assessment to identify gaps
- Supporting deliberate practice
- Understanding how students learn
- Handling difficult conversations.

Coming before the end of this academic year will be the following courses

- Using deliberate practice to accelerate progress
- Celebrating and supporting equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI)
- Evidence-based target setting
- Critically enquire into research

In development for next year is:

- Supporting the needs of all learners

If you have any suggestions of training courses you would like us to develop to enhance your mentoring, please do contact us via **carnegie.partnerships@leedsbeckett.ac.uk**

Meet the University Team



Jess Bellamy, Level 6 Lead and Primary English Lead
Jess has been part of the primary education team at Leeds Beckett for the last five years (minus one year for maternity leave!). She is the Level 6 Lead for the undergraduate course and the Primary English Lead. Her other responsibilities include lead mentoring and personal tutoring, in which she supports students both in university and when they are out on placement. Prior to starting at Leeds Beckett, she worked in primary schools in Leeds, teaching across KS1 and KS2. She completed a master's in education at University of Leeds in 2020. Her MA dissertation explored the impact that peer tutoring can have on pupils' academic self-concept in reading. Her research is currently focused on the teaching of writing, in particular, the Writing for Pleasure pedagogy. She is interested in the relationship between curriculum policy development in Primary English and children's motivation to write.

Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her family, including her partner Matt and her two children, Amelie and Felix. They love being outdoors and have just bought their first family-sized tent (so wish them luck on their first camping trip!).

Upcoming events going on at the wider University you might be interested in

CollectivEd – Collective Conversations

Wellbeing, even with Ofsted
Leading a school is one of the most rewarding yet demanding roles there is. Whether you are a new Headteacher, have been in role for a while but still feel new to headship, or are stepping up as an acting Headteacher, we would like to invite you a collegial conversation.

Leeds Beckett University together with the Leeds LA are bringing together heads for an open conversation, focused on two things:

- your wellbeing
- managing the Ofsted process.

This is a space to share honestly, ask questions and hear from colleagues who understand the pressures you are facing and to develop thinking on embedding wellbeing for you and your team despite the pressures Ofsted brings.

Venue: Leeds Beckett University Headingly Campus
Date: Monday 29th June 2026
Time: 10:00-11:30am

Please email **collectived@leedsbeckett.ac.u**k to register your attendance.
We look forward to seeing you there.

Upcoming events continued

Physical Education Conferences
Leeds Beckett hosts two Physical Education conferences in the summer term, and it would be fantastic to have as many PE teachers at the event as possible:

Learn Well, Move Well - High-Quality PE for Every Student.
A Secondary PE Conference with Leeds Well Schools. Register using the link below:

https://leedsschoolssports.co.uk/leeds-secondary-pe-teachers-and-volunteers-conference/

Date: Wednesday 1st July
Cost: FREE
Time: 2:00pm – 6:00pm
Venue: Carnegie School of Sport, Leeds Beckett University, Headingley Campus

Itinerary for the day
2:00pm: Arrive, network, refreshments and marketplace
3:15pm: National update
4:00pm: Trauma informed PE
4:30pm: Leeds Well School Partnership Update
4:45pm: Break and marketplace
5:00pm: Choice of Workshop

The National PE Conference
This is being held on 23rd June 2026 with speakers including Kate Thornton-Bousfield, Sir John Coles, Sue Barker and Isabelle Kyson. Sign up using the link below:
https://www.afpe.org.uk/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1994024&group=

Reflecting on Professional Practices: Critical Thinking for Early Career Teachers
This is a standalone 20 credit module for all ECT's (with a discounted rate for Carnegie School of Education alumni).

This module has been designed to directly complement the support ECTs receive in school, strengthening the work that mentors already do with them. It provides:
- A protected, safe space for ECTs to explore professional dilemmas
- Structured opportunities to link theory, research, and classroom practice
- Skills and habits that deepen reflection and strengthen professional judgment
- A pathway towards continued study at master's level

This module is also suitable for:
- Teachers returning to the profession after a career or caring break
- Teachers returning to the English education system after working abroad
- Teachers interested in re-engaging with academic study which can be used towards or support application for a master's degree

More Information can be found here:
https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/research/reflecting-on-professional-practices-critical-thinking-for-ects/

Upcoming events continued

Leeds is the City of Maths for 2026 and 2027!

- We hope you've heard about this UK first, the City of Maths aims to boost confidence and engagement in mathematics across the city, changing attitudes and celebrating its importance in our lives. It's exciting to have this programme in Leeds and there will be a lot on offer for schools and the public.
- If you are based within the Leeds local authority area, and haven't already, please register your school with the City of Maths now and add **schools@cityofmaths.co.uk** to your trusted contacts so that you can make the most of the schools' programme.
- If your school is outside the Leeds local authority area you can still benefit from resources that are being developed. Check out the website and join the newsletter to keep updated.

City of Maths
LEEDS 26-27

Our Partnership Team

Our dedicated Partnership Team is there to make sure that absolutely everything surrounding the placement of our students with you runs smoothly. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any advice or information.

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