



Induction Tutor Newsletter

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Welcome back!

We hope you return to us refreshed and rejuvenated in preparation for the year ahead!

We know how busy the start of a school year can be, so in this newsletter we've only included the important stuff! Take note of the important actions below to ensure that your school, ECTs and mentors are ready to hit the ground running.

Actions for you to take now (details below):

To help your ECTs and Mentors get off to a great start this academic year, we've put together an [ECT Programme Handbook for Induction Tutors](#)

If you were unable to make one of our summer Induction Tutor briefings [you should watch this video](#) and you may also like to get a quick guide to the programme [here](#).

Appropriate body: Ensure all ECTs are registered with your school's appropriate body. At **South Yorkshire Teaching Hub**, we offer Appropriate Body services. Please contact SYTH at appropriatebody@southyorkshireteachinghub.org if you have not already registered your ECT or have any questions.

Prism: Prism is where you, your ECTs and your mentors will access the NIOT ECT Programme. New ECTs and Mentors will receive their log-in within a week of registration on the [Register early career teachers GOV.UK site](#). If they have not received their Prism login, please **double check** registration details, junk mail and contact us at South Yorkshire Teaching Hub at ectp@southyorkshireteachinghub.org

Timetabling: Ensure ECTs and mentors have protected time every week (year 1) or fortnight (year 2) for meetings and observations.

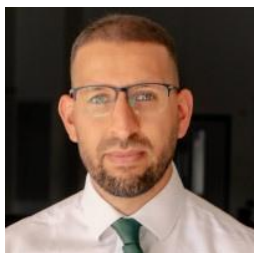
Mentors: Be aware of your mentors' type as it impacts their programme and engagement requirements. You will find a handy flow chart outlining mentor types in your Induction tutor handbook on page 47. Unfunded mentors are welcome to book and attend mentor training at SYTH but this will not be funded.

Support: Schedule time to check in with your ECTs and Mentors and complete termly reports.

Module Order Selection: For Year 1 and 2 ECTs starting in September 2026, the induction tutor may change the order of self-study modules. If changing from the default, this should be completed before October half term on Prism.

National Expert Webinars

We invite all participants and Induction Tutors to join us at our upcoming webinars with our National Experts. These are insightful sessions on a variety of topics and we encourage all to attend.

<u>Mohammed Abdallah</u>	<u>Bradley Busch</u>
	
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Registration for ECTP September 2026



Induction tutors play a key role in ensuring ECTs and mentors are registered correctly, as statutory induction cannot begin until registration is complete.

- ☐ **Remember that registration is a three-part process** including the DfE, the NIOT and your Appropriate Body.
- ☐ **Any changes** to ECTs, Mentors and their information (name changes, email changes) need to be updated on the [DfE Register Early Careers site](#) to ensure our records are up to date and avoid issues when accessing Prism.
- ☐ **Verify DfE details:** Ensure all details are complete, ECTs and Mentors are paired, and contact details are up to date.

Use this registration guide to support you through the process: [Registration Guide 2026-27](#)

Important Reminder:

When registering **new ECTs and mentors** on DfE [Register early career teachers GOV.UK site](#), the following details should be listed under training details:

- Lead Provider: **The National Institute of Teaching** (NIoT)
- Delivery Partner: **South Yorkshire Teaching Hub** (SYTH)

This is the case for **all new mentors**, even if they are mentoring an ECT who is already on an ECT programme with Education Development Trust (EDT). If you need any support with this, please get in touch with South Yorkshire Teaching Hub.



Prism is the learning management system that you, your ECTs and mentors will use to access all aspects of their programme. Your teachers will find their online learning on Prism and it's where they'll complete their regular mentor meetings. Prism is where you (Induction Tutor) will regularly monitor ECT and mentor engagement, find out what they're learning and be able to access handbooks and pair your ECTs and mentors.

This academic year, you'll experience **a more intuitive and engaging interface, enhanced learning modules, and interactive features** that make learning effective. Our goal is to provide you with the best tools and resources to support the development of your Early Career Teachers and Mentors.

Regardless of role, if yourselves or your Mentors/ECTs have issues with Prism, you can access our handy Knowledge Base [>HERE<](#) This is complete with FAQs, instructions and guidance videos on how to use the platform.

- In Prism, there will be a reminder to **prompt you to pair your ECTs with mentors** as soon as possible, please do so to allow them to start working together as soon as they login.

Our new Lesson Recording Tool



New in PRISM: lesson recording for ECT development

A flexible way to support drop-ins, reflection and feedback

 We're introducing a secure lesson recording tool in PRISM to help schools make ECT development and mentoring more focused and useful (watch [demo](#))

**1**
Record
ECT records a lesson

**2**
Review
Mentor watches when it suits them

**3**
Reflect
Use key moments to support richer feedback

Why this is exciting for schools

**More flexible drop-ins**
Mentors do not need to be in the room to review practice.

**Better feedback conversations**
Recordings create a shared reference point for mentoring.

**More opportunities for reflection**
ECTs can revisit their own teaching and spot patterns.

**Fits the ECT programme**
Complements regular mentoring and in-person drop-ins.



Support our exciting research

By enabling the tool, schools can also support important research into how lesson recording and AI can improve teacher development.

- ✓ Help shape the future of evidence-informed teacher development
- ✓ Support better understanding of teaching practice in real classrooms
- ✓ Contribute to work that could improve mentoring at scale



[Find out more](#)

 **This is more than a recording tool - it is part of a wider effort to make teacher development more precise, practical and impactful.**

How can my school get involved?

To enable the recording tool, your Induction Tutor needs to complete a short permissions process in PRISM (available from 15 June 2026)

**1** Complete the guided permissions process in PRISM

2 This enables access to the tool from September 2026

3 Use lesson recordings to support ECT development



Find out all you need to know [here](#).✉

What's happening this half term?

Look out for emails from National Institute of Teaching or South Yorkshire Teaching Hub with dates and invitations for your ECTs and Mentors and support them to attend all relevant seminars.

Check out the following for reminder of upcoming work for Autumn Term 1:

Year 1 ECTs & mentors

For ECTs:

- Complete their programme introduction self-study.

Complete 1 x core self-study on behaviour and relationships.

Complete 2 x elective self-studies on behaviour and relationships.

Attend Programme Introduction local seminar.

Attend Local Seminar A: Creating a safe and predictable learning environment

For Mentors:

Complete their programme introduction self-study.

Complete SSA1: Delving into deliberate practice **or** SSA2: Beyond the basics of deliberate practice.

Complete Module A ECT Support Materials: Behaviour & Relationships for **each** ECT they mentor.

Attend Programme Introduction local seminar.

Attend Local Seminar A: Supercharge your ECT's progress.

Updated Finance Guidance

Please see PDF shared via email.

Who to contact?

South Yorkshire Teaching Hub ECT Programme enquiries:

email: ectp@southyorkshireteachinghub.org

phone: 0114 235 7980

General NIoT ECTP enquiries: ecf@niot.org.uk

NIoT IT Support: itsupport@niot.org.uk

Did you know?

International Literacy Day	National Coding Week	International Astronomy Day	European Day of Languages
8th September 2026	14th - 20th September 2026	19th September 2026	26th September 2026



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