

NEW National Professional Qualification (NPQ) for Senior Leadership

Are pleased to announce that we are partnering with education charity Ambition Institute to deliver the new NPQ for Senior Leadership. This 18-month programme helps participants to develop their leadership knowledge and expertise to improve outcomes for teachers and pupils in their schools.

Those on the programme will learn:

- How to enact positive change across their school
- Evidence-based knowledge taught by leadership experts
- At a time and pace that suits their existing timetable.

Benefits to your school:

- Learning backed by the latest evidence
- Create a leadership pipeline
- Attract and retain teaching staff.

Why this programme?

Ambition Institute's new National Professional Qualification (NPQ) for Senior Leadership gives you the chance to learn evidence-based school leadership and put it into practice. It also gives you the opportunity to focus on specific leadership challenges in your school or trust.

This is one of six new and reformed NPQs that have been developed as a series. Each share the same common language and framework to help drive improvement across schools.

Ambition Institute knows that schools' and trusts' needs vary. So its programmes are designed with flexibility in mind and can be completed at a time that suits you best and fits in with your existing role. Through Steplab, the innovative personal development platform built for teachers, by teachers, you will have access to your modules and practice activities to help you get better faster.

Benefits for you

Train to your timetable

This programme is designed to be flexible to fit with your busy working role. Training is delivered in bite-sized chunks, which is useful for knowledge retention, and you can learn at a time and pace that suits you.

Build your confidence

Get the support you need to take the next step in your career.

Access the latest research

Benefit from the latest evidence-based learning and approaches to great teaching and leadership. See how it can improve schools and change lives.

Enact positive change

Ambition Institute's programmes are designed to support you to apply and translate what you've learned to your own school context. It does this by providing models and examples that seek to make the link between theory and practice concrete.

Benefit from peer-to-peer support

Learn from a network of like-minded peers and have the opportunity to share insight with colleagues in your own school setting.

Benefits for your school or trust

Create a common knowledge base

NPQ qualifications are aligned, so you can have confidence that all educators will share a common language and framework to develop your school or trust.

Support your leaders

Senior leaders will be given the tools to drill down into specific areas of leadership to improve their knowledge, make evidence-informed decisions and action positive change.

Learning backed by evidence

Participants will be introduced to evidence-informed practices straightaway. This will help them develop strategies to improve teaching and pupil performance at your school.

Make a leadership pipeline

The programme will help to identify future leaders and create a positive culture where teachers can develop and thrive.

Boost attainment

Studies show that high-quality continuous professional development can improve pupil outcomes almost as effectively as having a teacher with 10 years' experience in the classroom.

Curriculum

What you'll learn

This programme develops your leadership skills and knowledge and covers the content listed in the [Department for Education's NPQ Senior Leadership Framework](#).

You will learn how to:

- Set clear goals and communicate shared values that improve the culture in your classrooms and school
- Establish a safe and positive environment for pupils
- Support colleagues to meet individual needs and make sure all pupils have access to a rich curriculum
- Lead school-wide professional development for staff
- Make and act on evidence-informed decisions
- Work well with parents, carers, other schools and the wider community
- Lead by example, be accountable for decisions and make sure colleagues know their responsibilities.

How you'll learn

The content is delivered through blended learning. This includes a mix of Covid-safe face-to-face conferences, real-time, interactive online sessions and self-guided modules you can complete in your own time. You will put what you learn into practice in your school and can track your progress and get feedback as you go.

Note: programme content is subject to change.

Assessment

The assessment window starts at the end of the 18-month programme and runs for three months. During this time, participants will be given an eight-day window to sit an 'open book' style assessment in which they respond to a short case study.

There are two assessment windows every year, and participants can sit the assessment two times, if they need to.

You need to complete the course to qualify for the NPQ accreditation.

Ambition Institute will offer a webinar and live clinic in advance of the assessment window to support participants.