



Prince Bishops
Teaching School Alliance

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Science Collaborative Network Tuesday 11th July 2017: 4pm – 6pm

We are delighted to share details of a new collaboration with Pearson and bring to your attention details of a **FREE** Science Network working group.

The '**Science Network**' provides recognition to schools and colleges that have been innovative in their teaching practices of Science, and this has delivered benefits to their students. **Prince Bishops Teaching School Alliance** will act as a hub centre for all **Edexcel and non-Edexcel centres within the region**.

Pearson currently has over 40 networks across the country and this new hub centre will expand the provision in North East.

Our role will be to facilitate regular network meetings which aim to meet local needs and address issues related to the teaching of Science.

Whitburn Church of England Academy is the lead secondary school in www.pbtsa.co.uk and will act as coordinators of this network.

Teaching School Manager colleen.miller@pbtsa.co.uk will register the interest of colleagues looking to join this network and will work to identify a central location to support where participants are travelling from.

The long term aims of this group:

- Develop subject intelligence
- Sharing of resources to support your departments
- Coordination of key speakers providing further insight into government led changes
- Share expertise – Schools will share best practice of methodologies & experiences.
- Teaching professionals will debate initiatives to create improved learning strategies & evaluate existing ones - Encourage on-going Innovation –
- Encourage student Progression – Increase of knowledge and ability leading to better confidence.

Please see below details of our launch meeting together with an agenda.

Launch agenda points

3.30pm Registration and light refreshments

4pm Welcome and introduction of collaborative network / setting the scene

4.15pm Are you struggling to get to grips with the new practical requirements for GCSE?

Tip and guidance on what skills may be needed?

What might be assessed in the new exam?

Are wondering how the level 8 and 9 might be assessed?

How best to prepare those most able pupils

5pm Key issues from the summer paper

5.30pm Sharing of good practice

Setting the date and agenda for network 2



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