

## SECONDARY TEACHING FOR MASTERY DEVELOPMENT WORK GROUP

### Teaching for mastery: What does effective mastery of maths look like for your students?

Joining this Work Group will support you and your department to develop a teaching for mastery approach in your school, through collaborative professional development and bespoke support from a Mastery Specialist.

Each school will receive £2000 to be a part of the Work Group. This money pays for the cover of the teachers to participants in the Work Group. If a school is interested please email us. The deadline for applications is 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

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### WORK GROUPS

Maths Hub Work Groups, each led by a Mastery Specialist, offer locally-based, collaborative CPD. Two teachers ('Mastery Advocates') from each of a small group of schools or colleges, meet half termly. Together they develop classroom and departmental approaches consistent with teaching for mastery. The Mastery Specialist leads the process and gives bespoke support to each school or college.

Work will be bespoke for each department, tailored to the needs of the teachers and their own stages of development, but is likely to include:

- ✔ The Mastery Specialist leading professional development sessions with the Mastery Advocates.
- ✔ The specialist supporting the advocates to enable them to run professional development sessions for their department colleagues.
- ✔ The advocates observing the specialist in the specialist's own school.
- ✔ The specialist working alongside the advocates to support other departmental members as appropriate.

“Implementing teaching for mastery has been a huge success. The biggest difference in our department is the shift in culture of both our teachers and our students.”

“To anyone considering joining a Work Group, I could not recommend it enough. It is arguably the best continual professional development you can get.”

“It is rewarding to see the lessons students are now experiencing with teachers who are teaching for a deeper understanding.”

**The Secondary Teaching for Mastery Development Work Group project is fully funded by the Maths Hubs Programme so is free to participating schools.**

“The 'open lessons' provide inspiration by showing the strategies in real-life use. This allows for genuine developmental conversation.”

# TEACHING FOR MASTERY: YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

<p><b>The NCETM? What is it?</b></p> <p><b>What is its role?</b></p>	<p>The National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM) was set up in 2006. We support schools, colleges, teachers and anyone seeking maths-specific CPD. We firmly believe that teaching for mastery works in maths classrooms, and we coordinate plenty of professional development opportunities to support anyone interested in developing this approach in their school and beyond.</p>
<p><b>Where do Maths Hubs come in?</b></p>	<p>A national network of Maths Hubs has existed since 2014. There are now 37 and this figure is due to increase to 40 in 2020. They work closely with the NCETM to organise and lead maths-specific professional development opportunities at a local and national level. All the CPD available through the NCETM and Maths Hubs blends national expertise with knowledge of the local landscape. Local Work Groups run through Maths Hubs are suitable for secondary maths teachers at all stages of their career.</p>
<p><b>Isn't teaching for mastery just for primary school children?</b></p>	<p>Definitely not – this is a myth! Although national developments in teaching for mastery began in primary schools, secondaries have been building on this for some time now and an increasing number of schools are embracing it each year. The approach is just as beneficial for secondary school students. The NCETM has lots of guidance and information about how teaching for mastery works in secondary schools.</p>
<p><b>I've heard that it only works if you get rid of sets and have mixed attainment groupings. Is this true?</b></p>	<p>This is another myth. The teaching for mastery approach is based on the belief that all students can achieve. This belief does not rely on mixed attainment groupings to be successful. Schools are free to make their own decisions concerning setting or mixed attainment grouping.</p>
<p><b>Has it shown results yet at secondary?</b></p>	<p>Teaching for mastery, like all effective classroom practice, is not a quick fix. It relies on teaching over time in a way that promotes deep and connected understanding. Many schools who have adopted this approach are already reporting that their students are stronger and more confident mathematicians.</p>
<p><b>I've heard of mastery but I'm not sure about it. Why would I get involved if I'm not keen?</b></p>	<p>Teaching for mastery is not an educational fad or gimmick. The term is simply a label for teaching which supports students learning and doing maths deeply, effectively and efficiently. Already for thousands of teachers, it has been a catalyst for deeper thinking about their teaching.</p>
<p><b>Surely implementing mastery is going to involve a huge cultural change? It would be too much on top of everything else we have to do.</b></p>	<p>Embracing teaching for mastery can involve a cultural shift, but it is one which teachers and schools who have done it so far believe to be completely worthwhile. Teachers in Work Groups aren't alone. They benefit from the support of their local Maths Hub and Mastery Specialists and report that it is definitely worth the investment and the change.</p>

**Don't miss out!**

Please submit your applications by 1<sup>st</sup> October!

## Covid-19 Recovery

**The ongoing impact of the coronavirus outbreak and knock-on effects on school life remain uncertain.**

So, all Maths Hub work in 2020/21 will adapt to changing realities. There's likely to be more online collaboration, for example. In addition, Work Group content will address both schools' recovery from coronavirus-related disruption and the central maths subject matter of each project.