



# School Improvement & Training Bulletin : March 2021

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## Dear Colleagues

It has been so good to hear about, and to see, the many creative approaches you have taken to welcome back all your pupils in the last few weeks. Your pupils are very fortunate to be taught by such inspiring staff. One great Take That video rendition provided me with a week-long earworm of 'want you back, want you back for good! It was definitely worth it though.

I wanted to let you know of two excellent **new CPD opportunities** we are providing next term.

We will be running the **Mental Health First Aider training** remotely in four sessions from just after the Easter break. Please do have a look at the details on our website (also in a shorter version below) <https://grow-education.org/training/event-directory/> **We only have 6 places left so please book quickly.**

Due to the pandemic and the day-to-day changes and tasks this has required, many of you have expressed the lack of opportunity to be strategic and to think deeply about your role.

Our new course **SYNERGY: CURRICULUM, LEARNING & PEDAGOGY** will provide you with the opportunity to explore the research underpinning the new inspection framework.

In addition, we have two popular repeat courses next term: **SIAMS** and **DSL**- see below for details


You may have some Grow school improvement days remaining for the summer term. If so, you may wish to use these in exchange for course attendance.

- 2 people attending a one-day course = 1 Grow day
- 1 person attending a 2-day (eqvt) course = 1 Grow day e.g. Mental First Aid training.

In addition, look out for our 2021-2022 flyer which will soon be arriving in your inbox.

Prices for **School Improvement packages and training will remain the same as for this year.** We will be retaining the option for you to use your school improvement package for CPD, as many of you have appreciated the additional flexibility this provides.

Wishing you all a restful and joyous Easter break.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Helen Ridding".

Helen Ridding

Managing Director, Grow Education Partners

<p><b><u>ADULT MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING – CERTIFICATED COURSE.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualifies participants as an adult mental health first-aider.</li> <li>• Run by Mental Health First Aid England instructors.</li> <li>• Access to MHFA resources once completed</li> </ul> <p>Repeated in May - see website for dates</p>	<p>Session 1: <b>20th April</b>                  Session 2: <b>22nd April</b>                  Session 3: <b>27th April</b>                  Session 4: <b>29th April</b></p> <p>All at 9.30-12.30pm</p>
<p><b><u>SYNERGY: CURRICULUM, LEARNING &amp; PEDAGOGY</u></b></p> <p>The session will offer you the opportunity of exploring and translating education research into practical strategies that can be implemented in school.                  NB spaces will go quickly as it is being run by the consultant who provided the excellent overview of the Inspection Framework and curriculum leader sessions.</p>	<p><b>24<sup>th</sup> June</b>                  9.30-3.30PM  <b>ONLINE</b></p>
<p><b><u>DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD TRAINING: CERTIFICATED</u></b></p> <p>For those new to the role, or expecting to be in September                  2 sessions                  Experienced DSLs welcome to attend.</p>	<p>Session 1: <b>17<sup>th</sup> May</b>                  Session 2: <b>18<sup>th</sup> May</b></p> <p>1.30-4.30pm</p>
<p><b><u>SIAMS SELF-EVULATION: MAKING A CASE FOR EXCELLENCE</u></b></p> <p>Repeated due to popular demand. If you are expecting a SIAMS next year please do make sure you attend this very helpful and practical session.</p>	<p><b>19<sup>TH</sup> May</b>                  1.00 -3.30PM</p>