

ECT Align Update

Welcome to a new term where you will have spent time building strong professional relationships with children and young people that you teach. **Fostering the enabling conditions for learning** is so important in all that we as teachers do. Already in this term you will have been working towards creating a collective class identity where the language of inclusivity helps all pupils feel valued and gives them a sense of belonging that we know is so important. You will have been evaluating start points and planning to ensure that learning is accessible to all, taking into account the diversity in the classroom. During this time and perhaps different for subject areas, you will have been actively removing barriers to learning to improve engagement. Throughout all of these opportunities you will have **created a culture of celebration** where pupils can enjoy their own and others' success. Of course, there is still continued work to do and through our work together we are here to help.

Thank you for all you are doing to make a positive difference to children and young people – we really appreciate it.

All programmes

Event information

We know how important it is that you have an overview of all the events planned for you and we are excited to see you at all of these as core programme entitlement.

You will be aware that MyECT does not display upcoming event information so instead we have done the following to help you plan.

For delegates on the **ECT Align 2024–26 programme**, individual Year 2 event details were emailed during the summer term. This email was sent from ECT.Align@hants.gov.uk and also copied to your school's Induction Lead. Please check your inbox for this message. If you have not received it, feel free to contact us for another copy.

For delegates on the **ECT Align 2025–27 programme**, you have booked your events using the form shared with you, and confirmation of your events was emailed to you upon completion. An overview of booked events has also been shared with your school's Induction Lead. If you need a reminder, please email us at ECT.Align@hants.gov.uk.

If you have any questions about this new event process, please contact us at ECT.Align@hants.gov.uk and Rachel will be happy to help.

Joining your online events

All of your clinics, as well as ECT Conference 2, are held virtually on Microsoft Teams. **Please arrange to be on your Teams just before the start time (up to 5 minutes).**

When you click your joining link, you will usually enter the lobby and remain there until the event host admits you. However, please be aware that following an update to Microsoft Teams you may be prompted to complete a CAPTCHA verification before entering the lobby. Once successfully completed, you will join the lobby as normal.

We benefit from your full participation so wherever possible, please ensure your camera and microphone is enabled.

MyECT and Steplab support

If you are looking for help with [MyECT](#), from the homepage head to the 'My support' tab and select the 'Resource hub'. There you will find a variety of information tailored to your role, including a helpful MyECT overview video.

Steplab also has a support section where you can find help specifically tailored for your role, as well as general Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

You can also check out the FAQs on our [ECT Align Moodle page](#).

If you are unable to find the answer you need, then please get in touch with Rachel at ECT.Align@hants.gov.uk.

Engagement – what you need to do

Thank you for fully engaging in the programme. Attending all of your events and completing self study or logging coaching sessions - whether instructional or pastoral - is a core requirement of the programme and allows the DfE to track through engagement so that it remains fully funded.

Self study should be completed fortnightly and coaching should be logged **weekly** for mentors coaching ECTs on the **ECT Align 2025-27** programme, or **fortnightly** for those with ECTs on the **ECT Align 2024-26** programme.

While it may be tempting to complete multiple modules in one go to avoid fitting self study into your busy timetable, the programme is designed to be completed regularly. This approach helps build your knowledge gradually and supports deeper understanding over time.

We regularly monitor engagement and may contact you via Steplab or MyECT - either to celebrate fantastic engagement or to check in if there are any gaps which present a concern. Our monitoring focuses solely on activity completed during the current term, meaning each term offers a fresh opportunity to maintain a positive trajectory or to reset and start anew if needed.

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The new pastoral coaching option

We hope you are finding the option to combine instructional coaching with pastoral coaching beneficial for supporting your ECTs that are new to role.

Please continue to log instructional coaching on Steplab at least fortnightly. You may intersperse this with pastoral coaching as needed, depending on the needs of each ECT colleague.

To log pastoral coaching, please use [MyECT](#) and follow the steps outlined below.

1. Click ECT Progress, then ECT Coaching
2. Select the name of the ECT you wish to coach
3. Click Add Pastoral log
4. Add details to all available sections
5. Click Save

A step by step demonstration can be found in the MyECT video for mentors in the Resource hub within My Support.

Engagement – a new way to check

There is a new way for you as Induction Leads to monitor engagement on MyECT, and Ambition have produced guidance explaining how to use this new tracking functionality to [track ECT self study](#) and [coaching](#). We hope you find this useful.

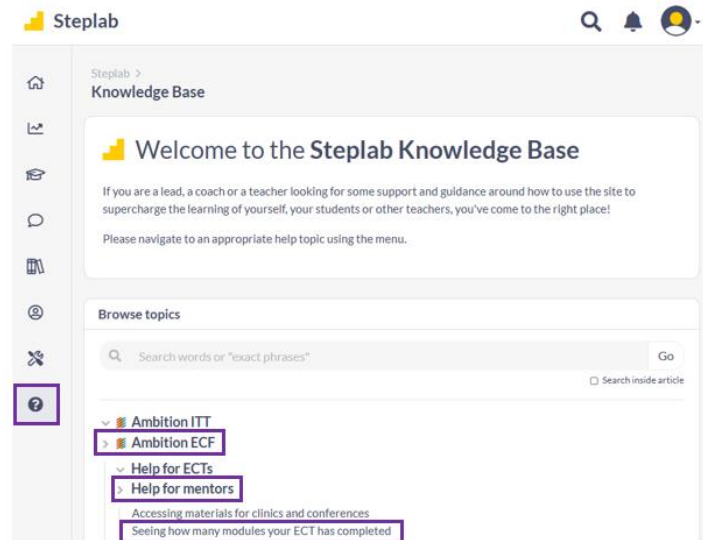
New mentor functionality

Mentors who are working with ECTs who are on the **ECT Align 2025-27** programme are now able to look into the self study completed by their ECTs and see their responses to the symptom checkers and quizzes within the modules.

Guidance on how to do this can be found by following the steps below.

1. Login to [MyECT](#)
2. Navigate to Steplab
3. Choose 'Support'
4. Choose 'Ambition ECF'

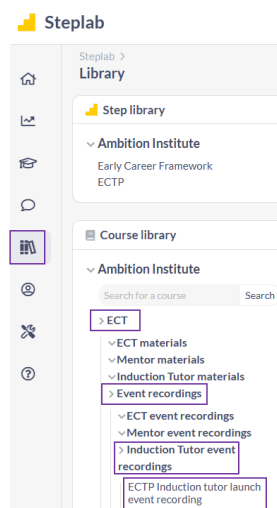
Choose 'Help for mentors' then 'Seeing how many modules your ECT has completed'



Ambition have also added two videos demonstrating how mentors should use MyECT and Steplab to effectively carry out their role on the programme. These can be found by following the steps above and choosing the 'Using MyECT and Steplab as a mentor' within 'Help for mentors'.

Induction Tutor launch session recording now available

At the beginning of this term, Ambition offered a series of sessions for both new and existing Induction Tutors to find out more about the new programme and their role. A recording of the session is now available for any Induction Tutors who would like to revisit the content or who were unable to join any of the live sessions.



Our forms

[Mentor amendments form](#)

[ECT Leavers form](#)

[ECT registration form](#)

[Extension request](#)

[Reduction request](#)



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