

ECT Align Update

Another term has galloped by as we find ourselves enjoying brighter mornings and lighter evenings, whilst fitting in all the activities that the spring term brings. We hope it has been productive, reflective and fulfilling for you. In our conference 2 events with our ECT colleagues we have explored adaptive teaching in more depth and further considered how to hone our practice. In clinic sessions we have considered how working in partnership is vital as professionals to help our children and young people thrive and maximise the opportunities for success. Our professional skills and meeting/exceeding the Teachers' Standards are highly valued.

As you head towards a break from the routines of term time we hope you can reflect on all you have achieved and start to consider your development priorities for the term ahead. Enjoy the break and, as always, we are here upon return to term time should you need any guidance or support.

ECT Align Team

Ofsted inspection framework

In the spring term we've seen the launch of the renewed Ofsted inspection framework. As part of this the themes of '**belong, thrive and achieve**' are evident. Inspectors take time to experience the start of a school day and visit many lessons to take account of pupil experiences and provision. They also may ask to meet you as a group of ECTs and separately mentors to hear more about the support and professional development on offer to you. There should be no extra preparation required and the questions will be ones you can easily answer. If you are expecting inspection and have any questions, please do raise these with your mentor or alternatively email us if we can help.

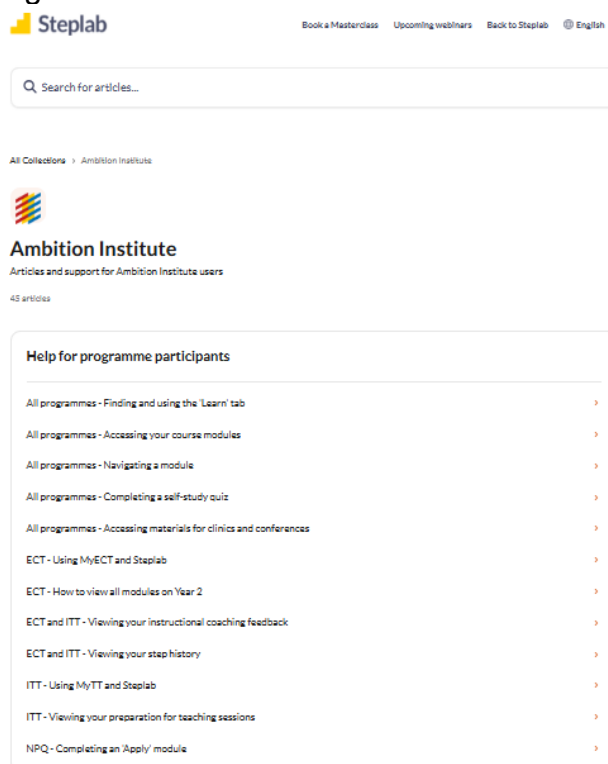
We hope you are finding the programme valuable and appreciate your engagement. If there is anything you would like to feedback in terms of specific aspects you require more training in, please do email us via ECT.Align@hants.gov.uk.

Please take time to scan through the articles below – highlighted for your different roles in the programme.

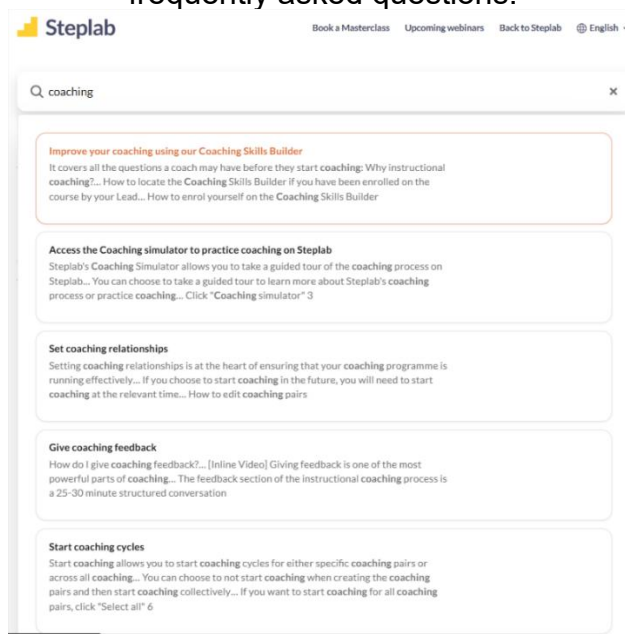
Something for everyone

Steplab support

When you log into Steplab, you'll notice a refreshed Support tab designed to make finding answers quicker and easier. The new layout includes a general section for all delegates, alongside dedicated areas for mentors and Induction Leads.



An improved search function also makes it simpler to locate the answers to the most frequently asked questions.



Ambition will continue to make updates to Steplab to improve your user experience.

Summer term events

Reminders for all summer term events (below), including joining links and 'how to access your workbook' information, will be sent to all participants two weeks before their event.

If you are unsure which event you should be attending, please email ECT.Align@hants.gov.uk and Rachel will be happy to help.

For 2025 ECTs and mentors, if you missed any of your live events and would like to attend during the summer term, please contact ECT.Align@hants.gov.uk and we will make sure you receive the appropriate joining information.

ECT Align 2024-26

Primary ECT Clinic 6	9-11 June
Secondary ECT Clinic 6	9-11 June

ECT Align 2025-27

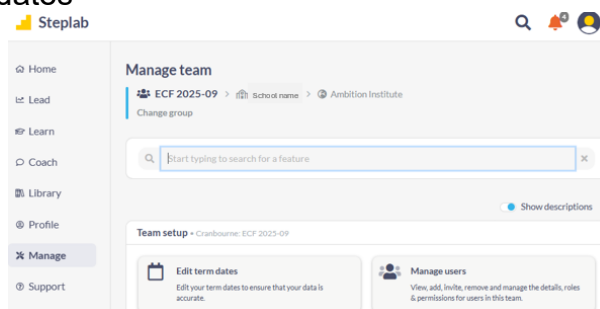
Mentor Clinic 1	21 April	09:00 – 10:30
	23 April	15:45 – 17:15
ECT Clinic 3	28 April	09:00 – 10:30
	30 April	15:45 – 17:15
ECT Conference 1 – April 2026 starters	7 May	13:30 – 16:30
Mentor Conference 1 – April 2026 starters	7 May	09:00 – 12:30
ECT Clinic 1 – January and April 2026 starters	19 May	09:00 – 10:30
ECT Conference 2 – January and April 2026 starters	17 June	09:00 – 12:30
ECT Clinic 2 - January and April 2026 starters	18 June	11:00 – 12:30
Mentor Clinic 1 – January and April 2026 starters	18 June	09:00 – 10:30
ECT Clinic 3 – January and April 2026 starters	7 July	09:00 – 10:30

Induction Leads

Are your school term dates correct on Steplab?

Did you know that you can set term dates on Steplab to match your school's calendar? If you haven't done this, please follow the steps below as soon as possible to ensure that self study module release and cycle dates are correct for your ECTs and mentors.

- Log in to MyECT
- Click the person icon in the top right hand corner and select Steplab
- Click Manage
- Click Edit term dates



Monitoring engagement on MyECT

With the launch of the new 2025 programme, you can now monitor participant engagement and send nudges or praises, all in one convenient place on MyECT. This short [video](#) is available to guide you through these new features and how to make the most of them.

Please note that you should continue to monitor engagement of your 2024 ECTs and mentors on Steplab.

Our forms

[ECT registration form](#)

[ECT Leavers form](#)

[Mentor amendments form](#)

[Extension request](#)

[Reduction request](#)



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