

# ECT Align Update

**As we come to the end of the academic year, we want to take a moment to celebrate everything our ECTs and mentors have achieved**

To our ECTs: whether you are completing your journey with us or continuing into your second year we are immensely proud of all that you have achieved. It is always rewarding to know that we have played a part in the first few years of your professional journey. Our feedback shows that ECTs use the training and carry forward the skills and confidence they have built during the training.

To our mentors: thank you for your invaluable support. Our mentor feedback highlights the benefits for your ECTs as you support them to develop their practice but also the training enriches your own professional practice.

For those returning in the autumn, now is the perfect time to reflect on your progress and recharge for the year ahead. And remember—whether you are finishing or continuing, we are here for you. Our emails will be checked weekly over the summer, so do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Wishing you all a restful and well-deserved summer break!

With gratitude,  
Tania, Kila, our Visiting Fellows, and the ECT Align Team

## MyECT

MyECT is the new and improved way for you to access information about your training programme. We hope that you have found the changeover simple however if you do have any issues with MyECT, please contact [ectsupport@ambition.org.uk](mailto:ectsupport@ambition.org.uk) and they will be able to help.

You can also find video guides to the new platform in your MyECT Support section but these are also linked below.

[MyECT explainer video for ECTs](#)

[MyECT explainer video for mentors](#)

[MyECT explainer video for ITs](#)

The biggest change with MyECT is that from September, you will not be able to see your event information on the portal. To ensure that you have all the information you need, we will be sending full year 2 event information to you individually before the end of term.

## ECT Align 2023-25

As we approach the end of term, we are thrilled that we have ECTs who are nearing completion of the ECT Align programme with us. We hope that you have enjoyed this professional development programme and thank you for your engagement in our events and the rich professional dialogue with our facilitators. We look forward to seeing you again in other HIAS training events in the future.

For those who wish, a certificate to show your completion of the ECT Align 2023-25 programme is available to download from our ECT Align Moodle and the link and password to access this has been sent to all Induction Tutors. You can also access the [Ambition Institute 2023-25 Yearbook](#).

All ECTs and mentor who started the programme in September 2023 will be expected to complete the programme by 31 July 2025, and as such will no longer be able to access the MyECT and Steplab platforms. If any of your ECTs have an extension to their induction period, please complete our [ECT Align extension request](#) as soon as possible so that Ambition Institute can process this before the end of term.

## ECT Align 2024-26

We are looking forward to seeing all of our ECT colleagues at ECT Conference 3 on 16 and 17 September. Please check your event overview email for confirmation of your event date.

Full event information for year two of your programme will be shared before the end of term. Events are planned and facilitators expect you at your sessions. Please let us know in the first two weeks of term if there will be any problems in attending/changes required to a clinic due to timetable changes in the new academic year.

We also wanted to share the expectations for year 2:

ECT self study should take place once a fortnight and can consist of any combination of the stretch modules (released throughout the year), outstanding modules from year 1 and revisiting previously completed modules to embed knowledge.

Mentoring moved to once a fortnight but must continue to be recorded as coaching on Steplab (please do not use Drop Ins to record observations)

It is imperative that self study and observations continue throughout year 2 as they are a key indicator for us at Hampshire LA, Ambition Institute and is seen by the DfE as engaging in the programme as intended, so please ensure time is allocated to do this.

Attendance at all events is expected as they are an integral part of the programme. Discussion forms a large part of our events therefore cameras and microphones are

essentials. Please ensure that you are in a space where you can talk freely and no students are present/in the room you are in for any part of a session.

## Moving on

We know that some of you will be leaving your current school at the end of this term and possibly transferring to a different ECT training programme. To make sure you have a record of the content you have already studied, you can download a 'learning log' from Steplab by following the steps below:

Login to Steplab via MyECT

Go to 'Profile'

Click on 'Explore my Portfolio'

Under the 'Export Portfolio' section, click on 'Begin the export'

Good luck in your new post!

## Making changes

We know that there are often changes as we move into a new academic year. We rely on our Induction Tutors to let us know about these changes and have several quick and easy forms to make sure we have all the information we need to keep your programme up to date.

[Mentor amendments form](#)

[ECT Leavers form](#)

Please remember that any new mentors must also be registered on the DfE [Manage training for early career teachers](#) service and matched to their ECT.

## Early career teachers – the next cohort

We are continuing our partnership with Ambition Institute and will again offer ECT Align to the next cohort of ECTs and their mentors – ECT Align 2025-27.

Registration is now live so if you wish to register your new ECTs and mentors with us, please complete the following steps.

1. Register your Induction Tutor on the DfE [Manage training for early career teachers service](#) if not already registered
2. Register your ECT with an Appropriate Body (find more information [here](#))
3. Complete this short [registration form](#) to advise us that you wish to sign your school up to the ECT Align 2025-27 programme

4. Ambition will send a partnership agreement to the registered Induction Tutor - please ensure this is accepted
5. Register your ECT and mentor on the DfE [Manage training for early career teachers](#) service

Provider: Ambition Institute  
Delivery Partner: Hampshire Local Authority

Please ensure you have all required information before registration  
(name, email address, teacher reference number (TRN) and date of birth)

6. On the DfE service, match your ECT with their mentor
7. Ensure [myambition@ambition.org.uk](mailto:myambition@ambition.org.uk) is not blocked by your school email server to ensure delegates receive their welcome email
8. All delegates\* to create their account on Ambition using the details in their 'Welcome email' and complete the Steplab Access Form

\*Induction Tutors and mentors who already have an Ambition account do not need to complete this step

It is really important that all steps of the process are fully completed to ensure that ECTs and mentors are ready to start their programme in September.

If you need any help with registration, please email Rachel at [ECT.Align@hants.gov.uk](mailto:ECT.Align@hants.gov.uk)

### Induction Tutor launch sessions

Ambition Institute are holding four Induction Tutor launch sessions which will give ITs a thorough introduction to the new ECT programme as well as provide the opportunity to ask questions directly to the Ambition team. These sessions will run from 14:00 – 17:00 on:

Thursday 4 September

Monday 8 September

Tuesday 16 September

Wednesday 24 September

Please use this [link](#) to sign up to one of the sessions.

### Our forms

[ECT registration form](#)

[ECT Leavers form](#)

[Mentor amendments form](#)

[Extension request](#)

[Reduction request](#)



Get in touch with Rachel and the ECT  
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