

# ECT Align Update

We are delighted to share that engagement with the programme is at an all-time high among both first and second year delegates. Their commitment and enthusiasm have been outstanding, and we look forward to seeing this momentum continue throughout the academic year.

For any delegates who have experienced a challenging start and may need additional support, please don't hesitate to reach out - we're here to help them succeed.

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Teachers who thrive in teaching, enjoy being with children and developing their practice are highly valued by us. We are continually inspired by the difference you make to pupils every day. Through strong relational approaches, you create safe and supportive environments where learners feel valued and ready to thrive. Your passion for pedagogy across all subject areas shines through in the way you engage, challenge, and motivate students. Most importantly, your deep understanding of what is needed to help children and young people secure their next stages in learning ensures that every pupil is equipped to progress with confidence. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to excellence and impact.

## Event information

We know how important it is that you have an overview of events planned for your ECTs and mentors throughout the school year. MyECT no longer shows upcoming event information so instead we have shared this with you via email.

If you need a reminder, please email us at [ECT.Align@hants.gov.uk](mailto:ECT.Align@hants.gov.uk).

Please ensure that all events are booked into the school diary and cover has been arranged enabling participation for all to their entitlement to the programme events.

## Cameras and microphones on please

Thank you to many colleagues who have managed to secure spaces and technology where cameras and microphones can be used to maximise participation and therefore impact in our events. We still have a few delegates who are using devices where they are not able to access the camera and/or microphone. This limits their opportunity to fully participate in their events. Please can you ensure that ahead of time both ECTs and mentors have checked that the camera and microphone are working on the device they intend to use. If they are unable to access them during the clinic, they will be asked to

leave the session and attend another on a device where both functions are operational in order that the session remains fully worthwhile.

## How often should ECTs and mentors complete self study and coaching?

### ECTs

- **All ECTs** should complete **one** self study module every **fortnight**
- Year 1 ECTs: new modules are released at the start of each term
- Year 2 ECTs: focus on stretch modules and revisiting modules from year 1, guided by:
  - diagnostic tool results
  - conversations with their mentor.

### Mentors

- **Year 1** mentors: coaching should take place **weekly** and this can be instructional coaching (recorded on Steplab) and pastoral coaching (recorded on MyECT)
- **Year 2** mentors: coaching moves to **fortnightly**

All mentors must log coaching sessions via the appropriate platform as this is the only way we, Ambition Institute and ultimately the Department for Education can see engagement in this programme.

For more details on the different kinds of coaching or logging, please email us at [ECT.Align@hants.gov.uk](mailto:ECT.Align@hants.gov.uk).

## Monitoring engagement

We regularly monitor engagement and may contact ECTs and mentors via Steplab or MyECT to:

- celebrate excellent engagement
- to check in where gaps appear

Monitoring focuses only on current term activity, so each term is a fresh opportunity to maintain progress or reset if needed.

### What do you need to do?

- regularly check that ECTs and mentors are completing self study and coaching
- follow up promptly where engagement is lacking
- contact us if you have any concerns – we're here to help.

**We hope you have a happy and healthy break over the festive period.**

The ECT Align team will also be taking a break, and emails will not be monitored from Monday 22 December until Monday 5 January.



Get in touch with Rachel and the ECT  
Align team

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