



Professional Development Opportunities for 2026/2027

This month, we are shining a spotlight on recruitment for the Local Leader of Mathematics Education (LLME) programmes for 2026/2027.

The NCETM and Maths Hubs are inviting applications for four programmes designed to develop teachers as experts in teaching for mastery and leaders of high-quality professional development. Further details are outlined in the newsletter - apply today!

- Primary Mastery Specialist
- Secondary Mastery Specialist
- Professional Development Lead
- School Development Lead

Primary Mastery Specialist

Join our wonderful team of Primary Mastery Specialists!



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The **Primary Mastery Specialist Programme** is for teachers with a passion for maths. In the first year of the programme, three residentials – one in each term – provide an opportunity to develop understanding the [Five Big Ideas in Teaching for Mastery](#) in depth, and to focus on the specialist subject knowledge required to design lessons that unfold the maths for all children.

Between residentials, as a classroom teacher, specialists will be able to apply their learning to the context of their own classroom and school, reflecting with others what the impact of learning has been on pupils.

Participants should be experienced primary practitioners with the capacity to lead change in their own schools, and to develop as leaders of professional development in other schools. Their headteachers commit to supporting them and to developing teaching for mastery in their schools. **The Primary Mastery Specialist programme is free to state-funded schools. We would welcome applications for Reception class teachers too.**

How to apply:

Please read the [Information Sheet](#) carefully before you apply. Information about how to apply is on the [NCETM website here](#). The application window closes on **Thursday 23 April 2026**.

Secondary Mastery Specialist

Want to become a specialist in teaching for mastery and support your own school to develop teaching for mastery approaches? Join the Secondary Mastery Specialist Programme!

During the programme you will receive free professional development from experts, and have time to develop your own expertise.

You will:

- deepen classroom practice and help students build deep, connected mathematical understanding
- complete the NCETM PD Lead Programme and learn how to support colleagues through CPD
- take part in around 7.5 days of professional development, including workshops, school-based activity and collaborative planning
- observe teaching for mastery in other secondary and primary schools.

Any teacher (excluding ECTs) who is teaching maths in a state-funded secondary school in England and who wishes to develop both their own classroom practice and their skills in leading professional development with others, can apply to become a Secondary Mastery Specialist. Applicants should be committed to develop their own teaching and support improvement across their department. **The Secondary Mastery Specialist programme is free to state-funded schools.**



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NCETM Professional Development Lead

NCETM Professional Development Lead Accreditation is designed for those who lead professional development for teachers of maths. These phase-specific programmes are for expert teachers of maths (**all phases from Early Years to Post-16**) who have existing commitments and responsibility for designing, leading and evaluating maths teacher professional development, and who will lead maths professional development beyond their own institution.

Participants will:

- attend three one-day workshops (face-to-face and online)
- design, lead, review and refine a programme of support for maths teacher professional development, drawing upon a range of evidence-informed models and activity
- complete an Accreditation Evidence Document, which facilitates critical reflection on participants' learning over the duration of the programme.

Participants will also have the opportunity to gain an academic award (PG Cert) for completing an enhanced version of the programme, which will be available for an additional fee. **The Professional Development Lead programme is fully funded by the Maths Hubs Programme so is free to participants in state-funded schools.**

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The School Development Lead programme helps practitioners develop their approach to leading change in schools other than their own.

What is involved?

This programme is designed to enable leaders of maths school development to enhance leadership capacity and capability in the schools they support. It will provide

- regional support through workshops (face-to-face, run regionally across England, and online)
- practice development activities
- a dedicated online community.

Who can take part?

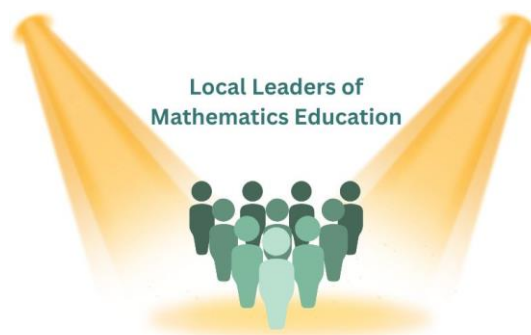
The programme is for colleagues working with school and subject leaders in a school or group of schools other than their own. It will benefit those with significant experience of developing maths leadership capacity, or those newer to the role, working directly with senior leaders outside of their own setting. Participants must commit to the full programme and will need the support of the headteacher of their own school and/or MAT.

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This month, keep an eye out for our 'Spotlights' as we put the spotlight on each professional development role, highlighting their impact and showcasing the opportunities they create.



If you have any questions about any of the LLME programmes, please get in touch with us.

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