



**Hillcrest Academies**  
**Training Courses**  
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# WELCOME

The purpose of this booklet is to introduce you to Hillcrest Academies' training courses for 2018. All courses are free to every school or academy and are run by our friendly and experienced Hillcrest team. We are Outstanding Early Years specialists who are passionate about achievement for all pupils and making sure they receive quality learning experiences.

Over the next few months we will be working on an offering for 2019. If there is a course, you would like us to deliver, please do let us know.

We can also put together a bespoke package that can be delivered at your school or academy at a time to suit you. This would be at cost to cover course leads only and no profit would be made.

A member of our senior team will always be at a course to answer any queries or questions you may have.

SMT are:

J E McDonald – Executive Principal, Hillcrest Academies – 20 years Headship experience, ran 3 schools, LLE, Ofsted inspector.

L Lovelidge – Academy Principal – Hillcrest Early Years Academy, NPQH, 8 years leadership experience

L McDonald – Vice Principal – Hillcrest at GAPA lead, NPBLSA, Safeguarding trainer

Z Thorpe – SLE, SENDco, Senior Teacher

## About our courses

Our courses are held in our purpose built Creative Cabin. It is bright and modern and has its own kitchen and toilets.

We offer our courses for free as we want to share our passion and interest with you. It is not only CPD for you but it is CPD for our staff too.

We feel that charging you and taking money from your budget in such challenging times is unfair.

We even provide refreshments free of charge.

Our courses run for two hours from 09.30 – 11.30 as we feel this is the optimum time for learning.

We are happy to offer a tour of our academy after any course



## Our courses

### 1. Getting the Boys on Board – Improving Boys writing – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 09.30 – 11.30

This course is for NQT's, Trainee teachers and those who are early in the profession. It will help you gain understanding of the gender gap. It will look at classroom practice and will focus on writing, helping you formulate a vision for the delivery of writing in your classroom. It will cover ways to engage boys and increase progress.

### 2. Early Years – STEM – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 09.30 – 11.30

For teachers in the early years of teaching, trainee teachers and NQT's

A practical course with lots of ideas to deliver STEM activities for younger pupils. There will be a chance to have a question and answer session at the end to look at your learners and meet their needs.

## Our Courses

*"The presenters gave us lots of great ideas on how to spend our Pupil Premium effectively. They made the course lively and I liked the fact we could ask lots of questions!"*

### **3. Being a Great Subject leader - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 09.30 - 11.30**

For those who are new to Subject leadership

A practical guide to great subject leadership and how it can improve your subject's results.

### **4. Early Years Phonics - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 09.30 - 11.30**

This course is for NQT's, TA's and Trainee teachers

It covers Letters and sounds and effective teaching methods for delivering phonics in the Early Years. There will be a question and answer session at the end to help you with ideas for your classroom.

### **5. Meeting additional needs in Early Years - Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup> 2018, 09.30 - 11.30**

For teachers in the early years of teaching, trainee teachers and NQT's

Identifying and tracking pupils with additional needs. How to set challenging targets and get the results at the end of the year. Looking at charts to identify additional needs in your classroom.

*"A hands on course  
with lots of support  
given by great  
presenters!"*

### **6. 7 steps to Pupil Premium success – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 09.30 – 11.30**

For all levels of teachers and governors

How to be creative with your pupil premium spend and get those gaps closed. Know your children's needs and meet them.

Pupil Premium awards national runners up 2016

### **7. Music in the Early Years – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018, 09.30 – 11.30**

For early years practitioners in Nursery, Reception and KS1

A hands on, practical course for all in Early Years to make music a main feature within your setting.

### **8. Unusual Sports – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 09.30 – 11.30**

Suitable for teachers and support staff. Hands on, practical sports course for teachers and school staff to have a go at sports not normally seen in Primary schools. Please come dressed in sports clothing. Support for planning and drafting schemes of work will be shared.

### **9. Mid-Day Supervisors Training – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018, 09.30 – 11.30**

A practical course for Mid-Day Supervisors which covers calm lunchtime procedures and behaviour management, including those pupils who challenge.

**10. Going from Good to Outstanding in KS1 - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018, 09.30 - 11.30**

For leaders and teaching staff at all levels

Focusing on teaching and learning quality in KS1. Looking at the data and setting targets which challenge in order to secure outstanding. Looking at the extra mile activities that can make a difference when OFSTED visits.

# Summary of Courses

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## GETTING THE BOYS ON BOARD

For NQT's, RQT's and Trainees

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## EARLY YEARS – STEM

For Teachers early in their career,

NQT's and Trainee Teachers

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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## BEING A GREAT SUBJECT LEADER

For those new to subject leadership

Date; 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018

## EARLY YEARS PHONICS

For NQT's, Trainee Teachers and Teaching Assistants

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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## ADDITIONAL NEEDS IN THE EARLY YEARS

For RQT's, NQT's and Trainees

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018

## PUPIL PREMIUM

For Leaders, Governors and Teaching staff

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018

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## MUSIC IN THE EARLY YEARS

For all Early Years Practitioners

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018

## UNUSUAL SPORTS

For Teachers and Support staff

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018

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## MID-DAY SUPERVISORS TRAINING

For Mid-Day Supervisors

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018

## GOING FROM GOOD TO OUTSTANDING

For Leaders and Teaching staff at all levels

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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**To book a place on a course, please email [Nicky.Hodgson@hillcrest.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:Nicky.Hodgson@hillcrest.lincs.sch.uk) or call 01427 613483**

**Please provide the Attendees Name, course required, contact number and school.**

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