



Becoming an Associate Member

The STAR Teaching School Alliance (STAR TSA) welcomes applications from other schools to join our Teaching School Alliance work. To find out more about our aims, values and our strategic plan, visit our website on www.STARteachingschoolalliance.org

What is an Associate Member?

As an associate member you will be able to apply to join elements of the work we are rolling out through the STAR TSA. Many of these activities are free to members, and other chargeable activities will qualify for a significant discount. Feedback from Associate Member Schools around the work of STAR TSA will always be very welcome, but Associate Members will not be part of the strategic planning and decision making groups and boards.

What can we offer?

Our Associate Membership offers the following benefits as part of the core offer:

- Vitally, membership of STAR TSA – a respected, proactive group of schools, on the leading edge of partnership work in North Yorkshire, taking a solution-focused approach to new initiatives
 - A positive, supportive network of colleagues focused on school improvement
 - Attendance at locally hosted, cross-phase moderation meetings
 - Opportunity to take part in the annual 'Teaching & Learning Community' (TLC) conference which enables teachers to exchange best practice, make links, and plan to improve outcomes for learners
 - Significantly reduced rate and prioritised access** to high quality bespoke CPD programmes such as:
 - Support staff development work – we run twilights and training days around generic classroom practise (questioning, feedback, etc) and bespoke interventions such as reading intervention, inference training, pastoral interventions
 - Middle leadership development residentials
 - NQT Programme
 - RQT/QT Development Programme
 - Governor training,
 - leadership training (for example building resilience, tricky conversations)
 - operational training (e.g. 1st Aid, RPI)
- **nb associate member schools will be offered places, after strategic partner schools, but before wider advertisement
- Attendance at meetings such as:
 - Subject related networks,
 - Governor network,
 - SENDco network;
 - NQT/RQT network;
 - TA network,
 - ITT mentor network
 - School Administration and Business Management network
 - Headteacher Operational Network

- A weekly bulletin for all staff and governors direct to you inbox highlighting things happening across the alliance
- Access to the Members Only area of the website – a useful repository of information and a place to share best practice/resources

More bespoke elements which may be available depending on capacity include:

- Peer to peer reviews
- A local mentor headteacher for new appointees
- Pupil-centred work such as Able Writers workshops (with professional authors), Able Maths workshops and K'Bots Robot Wars
- Access to specific STAR research & development projects eg 'closing the gap'



For the academic year 2017-2018 joining as an Associate Member as described above costs just £300 for a school of 100 pupils or less and £600 for a school above 100 pupils.

How to apply?

Complete the simple application form available on our website

STAR Teaching School Alliance Membership Offer

Services included for members:

Service	Frequency	Notes
FREE access to subject leadership network meetings – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Maths • MFL • SEN • EYFS 	Meetings usually take place once per term for ½ day. Agendas are circulated in advance.	Supply cover is currently provided for English, maths for core members only
Opportunity to access or participate in accredited school-to-school support, including provision through SLE, LLE, NLE and NLG.	Deployment as required depending upon need and capacity	Activities are chargeable with fees being paid to the providing school
Chair of Governors (or representative) networks	Termly	Free for all members
Free access to headteacher support, including mentoring for newly appointed heads. This can include joint self-evaluation, learning walks and whole-school reviews.	As required	Most activities are free to members, but whole-school reviews may be chargeable
Priority access to CPD events, including the annual Teacher conference, TA training, middle leadership training, EYFS training	Events happening every term	At least 10% discount on delegate fees
Admin & Business Mgt network meetings	At least termly	Covering a range of roles including admin and business management
The opportunity to host School Direct trainees which carries a bursary of upto £1000 per placement	Host placements are for full year, and contrasting placements for the Spring term	Places are dependent upon successful recruitment and DFE allocations
Opportunity to participate in pupil activities including workshops for more able pupils	Every term (booked annually in advance)	Discounted cost of £25 per pupil
The chance for career enhancement for staff including designation as LLEs, SLEs or PSTs	Recruitment windows open throughout the year	
Opportunity to participate in research & development projects	Projects run annually and are varied depending upon current priorities	Funding for participation can sometimes be provided
Access to 'members only' website with papers, research documents and training resources	Variety of papers available including case studies and research & development work	
Access to moderation meetings for teachers in order to quality-assure assessment judgements with other colleagues	Moderation meetings happen throughout the year in different schools	An annual timetable for moderation is produced in the Autumn term