

National Professional Qualification in Senior Leadership (NPQSL)

Who is eligible? The programme is designed to develop aspiring and existing senior leaders including:

Middle leaders who are aspiring to senior leadership and are likely to be in a senior leadership role in the next 12-18 months. Middle leaders will have completed at least one year at a middle leadership.

Current senior leader roles with responsibility for the results of a team, and line manage at least one middle leader. You may be an assistant headteacher /vice principal, head of a large department or faculty with senior leadership responsibilities or have a cross school or cross MAT role.

What does the course involve?

The NPQSL Programme takes the form of nine face-to-face sessions, each lasting three and a half hours. Sessions focus on your own leadership development through the following themes: **whole-school understanding; self and people-management; strategic and analytical leadership; teaching and learning; quality assurance; staff development and the educational landscape.**

You will also

- **Identify personal development priorities** from a 360 diagnostic tool, completed by colleagues.
- **Lead** an improvement project across your school, lasting at least 2 terms, to reduce variation in pupil progress and attainment (part A) and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of teaching (part B).
- **Submit** a written account of the project to Ambition School Leadership for assessment (max 5000 words, part of which will be completed within the sessions themselves), to evidence the criteria indicated for the NPQSL qualification. This will cover the design, implementation and evaluation of the project.
- **Present** your evidence at a viva assessment interview to assess you against the more challenging Ambition SL bar – excellent experience for career progression.
- **Be supported** by a professional sponsor (mentor) in your school who will follow the progress of your impact project.

If you are interested your next steps are to discuss this opportunity with your line manager and contact the CPD lead for your teaching school. Costs would be £1300 per candidate including assessment but will be covered in full by DfE subsidies. **We will be starting this programme in July to best complement school improvement cycles and the span the full academic year.**

We look forward to the collaboration between Dixons Academies Trust and Beckfoot Trust to deliver high quality NPQ training adapted for the Bradford context. In light of our shared high expectations and learning focussed cultures we are confident that you will learn from and with each other on this programme.