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Strategic School Improvement Fund Round 2 Update

Payment adjustment

We are delighted that, due to a conversation that was initiated in our region, TSA and MAT led successful SSIF bids will get payments at the start of each term rather than the end. This is a significant help with cash flow. A great example of how collaborative working can influence policy.

SSIF Round 2

Applications for Round 2 of the [Strategic School Improvement Fund](#) are now open and will close at midday on **Friday 20 October 2017**. Experience from Round 1 and those having uploaded a Round 2 application so far suggests that colleagues should not wait to upload until Friday. Although we understand that the system is improved from Round 1 it is still time consuming.

Multi Academy Trust Improvement Development Fund is now open

[The Multi-academy trust \(MAT\) Development and Improvement Fund \(MDIF\)](#) aims to provide additional funding to trusts in order to improve schools and increase social mobility. MDIF grants will be awarded for activities starting before 31 March 2018 and will usually be between £50,000 and £100,000.

The funding can be used to:

- set up or expand your academy trust and its organisational structures, including covering legal costs
- establish robust reporting mechanisms to monitor pupil performance and identify specific development gaps
- provide continuous professional development training for the trust's leadership team
- pay for teaching and leadership staff to work across the trust
- provide accountancy, finance, business management or HR advice

East Midlands Teaching School Network – Reserve your places

Please do not forget to reserve your places at the upcoming EMTSA Network meeting. We are now asking that colleagues book their places via the following link so that we can capture the relevant information.

[Click here](#) to reserve your places.

[Please find attached finalised agenda.](#)

Date: Thursday 2nd November, 10am – 12:30pm (with lunch)

Venue: Forest Way School, LE67 4UU

If you have any questions please contact Rebecca.Smith@sdas.net or [click here](#) to visit the portal.

SYH colleagues, representative colleagues from the South Yorkshire and Humber sub region are invited to attend, as a guest, in order to hear the key messages being shared with the potential of creating a parallel network within your local area. Pat will have been discussing this with you so can you liaise with Pat please if you would like to attend to represent your area.

Pathways to Leadership (East Midlands colleagues only)

[Please find attached](#) a training flyer for the upcoming **Pathways to Leadership** programme.

This 2 ½ day programme is aimed at recently qualified teachers (2-4 years) who are secure in their teaching practice and are ready to explore excellence in teaching and a first step into leading others.

The programme explores the key skills and competencies required to thrive in the classroom and start to develop into a leadership role.

Participants can choose to attend the main two days in either Leicester or Derbyshire:

Leicester: 17th Nov 2017, Hilton & 8th March 2018, Hilton

Derbyshire: 21st Nov 2017, Hayes & 12th March 2018, Hayes

The programme has been developed by the East Midlands Teaching School Alliance (EMTSA), which is a network of all Teaching Schools across the East Midlands; and is heavily subsidised by the National College for Teaching & Leadership.

Please forward this information onto any relevant colleagues or click [here](#) for booking information.

Updates from the Teaching School Council

Opportunity Areas - The Opportunity Area plans have been published on [GOV.uk](https://www.gov.uk) - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/social-mobility-and-opportunity-areas>

Plans to drive social mobility in Opportunity Areas <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/plans-launched-to-drive-social-mobility-in-opportunity-areas>

Regional opportunities

Please [click here](#) to visit the portal to view the latest regional opportunities.

All the best,

Ellen Lee

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