



Press release

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Sherbourne Fields and Castlewood School chosen to help train the next generation of teachers

Sherbourne Fields and Castlewood School have been selected to become National teaching schools in a joint application.

Teaching schools take a leading role in recruiting and training new entrants to the profession. They identify and develop leadership potential, provide support for other schools, and work with schools across their alliance to raise standards of teaching.

Sherbourne Fields and Castlewood are two of over 30 schools in England to be granted teaching school status in the latest round.

Introduced in 2011, teaching schools are all excellent schools. They work with partner schools in an alliance to ensure high quality school-led initial teacher training and professional development opportunities for teachers at all stages of their career.

They raise standards through supporting other schools, engage in research and development, and ensure that the most talented school leaders are spotted and supported to become successful headteachers.

On being awarded Teaching School Status, Headteachers Shivaun Duffy Moriarty and Yvonne Mc Call said *"We are absolutely delighted to have been awarded Teaching School Status. Becoming a Teaching school not only recognises the skills of our staff, our innovative practice and our commitment to working collaboratively with colleagues it also allows us the opportunity to continue to shape professional development opportunities whilst enhancing teaching and learning for all pupils. This is an exciting journey for both Sherbourne Fields School and Castlewood School and we are once again we are very proud of this fantastic achievement."*

The National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL) has responsibility, in partnership with headteachers from the Teaching Schools Council, for the designation and quality of the teaching schools programme. There are now over 700 teaching schools across England.

Roger Pope, Chair of the National College for Teaching and Leadership, said: *"I'd like to congratulate Sherbourne Fields and Castlewood - they should be very proud of this achievement."*

"Teaching schools are at the heart of school improvement. They're supporting other schools, attracting and training the best new teachers and developing the next generation of leaders. At NCTL, we want to do all we can to support their work."

The successful schools will be invited to attend a national teaching school induction event.

Notes to editors

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The Teaching Schools Council, made up of teaching school headteachers, represents all teaching schools. For more information about the programme visit www.gov.uk/nctf or www.tscouncil.org.uk