

## Newsletter



Education and Skills

### New and For You!

#### Practical Tips on Completing AST Application Forms

The National Assessment Agency for ASTs and ETs has prepared for you and your aspirant ASTs a short PowerPoint presentation packed with practical information on completing AST application forms.

The AST application form is designed to provide assessors with a framework upon which they will base their evidence scrutiny and interviews on the day of AST assessment. With this in mind, the succinct and practical advice from Martin Flatman and June McNaughton covers many details ranging from self-reflection to the provision of evidence.

The PowerPoint presentation in no way replaces the formal guidance for applying for AST assessment that is available to all aspirant ASTs on the TeacherNet Website, [www.teachernet.gov.uk](http://www.teachernet.gov.uk) but nevertheless is a valuable piece of information from the National Assessment Agency.

You can access the PowerPoint Presentation by clicking on to the link in the covering e-mail. You can also access the presentation on [www.vtplc.com/educationandskills](http://www.vtplc.com/educationandskills). Click on Education then National Assessment Agency for ASTs and ETs.

### Good News for Excellent Teachers

Following our item in the last AST and ET Local Authority Newsletter, the DCSF has confirmed that, from September 2008, Excellent Teachers (ETs) will have their own pay scale as follows:

New Salary Ranges for ETs*		
	From	To
Band A	£37,672	£53,819
Bands B to D	£37,672	£48,437

\*The school will decide which point on the salary range ETs are placed.

This is good financial news for those considering applying for ET status: a grade for teachers with excellent teaching abilities who prefer to remain in the classroom and to use their skills and expertise to support colleagues in their own school.

### NEW LOOK—Local Authority AST and ET Workshop First Stop London January 2009

During the academic year 2007/8 representatives from over 60 local authorities attended one or, very often, more of our specially designed workshops for AST and ET Local Authority Co-ordinators. We are now in the initial stages of planning a third full programme for the whole country to kick off in London in on **20 January 2009** at the Royal Over Seas League. We recommend that you put the date in your diary now and look out for the programme and booking form that will be sent out soon.

### AST and ET Local Authority Workshops go Local!

Following the success of four AST and ET Local Authority workshops in London in the last academic year, we are bringing special workshops to Bristol and Leeds in November, see below. While the workshops are designed particularly for people who have been unable to attend any of the events in London, if you have attended but would also like to come along to one of these days you will be more than welcome. The content of the workshops is very useful to AST and ET Local Authority leads who are new in position. A response form is attached and if you would like to attend please complete the form and return it to [pam.french@vtplc.com](mailto:pam.french@vtplc.com).

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### A New 'Old' Face in the DCSF's AST and ET Team

It is with great pleasure that we can let you know that in the near future Chris Flynn will return to the AST and ET Team at the DCSF. Those of you who remember him from his previous time in the team will know that when we say 'old' face we mean it in the nicest possible way!