

Bristnall Hall Academy is proud to announce that it has been accredited by SSAT as a Lead Practitioner Learning Centre for aspirant Lead Practitioners.

SSAT's Lead Practitioner Accreditation programme improves the professional skills and expertise of all those involved in educating children and young people. The process of accreditation recognises and values your best practitioners embedding and extending teaching and learning, developing leaders of learning who inspire and develop others.

Selected schools who have developed highly impactful SSAT Lead Practitioners are invited to become Lead Practitioner Learning Centres (LPLC), local communities of practitioners who work with local schools and multi-academy trusts, to prioritise local context and raise standards of teaching and learning across a wide range of institutions. The LPLC therefore, becomes a hub of excellence for aspiring SSAT Lead Practitioners who will make significant contributions to the education profession.

One such LPLC is Bristnall Hall academy, located in the borough of Sandwell in the midlands. Bristnall Hall academy have recruited aspirant SSAT LPs, following a rigorous process of application, identified local priorities which formed the basis of LP action research in their schools, worked with SSAT to deliver high quality training in the aspects of learning leadership, and crucially, established a support network which inspires, challenges and guides aspirant LPs to 'make a difference'

**Andy Williams SSAT Senior Education Lead**, who heads up the LP programme commented;

*"Bristnall Hall academy are a superb example of an SSAT Lead Practitioner Learning Centre. Bristnall Hall LPLC, under the leadership of Abby Bayford has displayed a high level of organisation in establishing their support sessions for aspirant LPs, but more than this, what has become very clear is their total commitment to education and in particular, in providing the very best experience for the children and young people in Sandwell. Through their efforts and the action research of their LPs, they have provided tangible insights into 'what works' in their context, producing learning portfolios that will inform and educate others. A superb example of true collaboration with a focus on improving the learner experience."*

**Sue Williamson, SSAT's Chief Executive**, added;

*"I would like to congratulate Bristnall Hall academy in becoming an SSAT Lead Practitioner Learning Centre. We know that teachers make lives and that as the world gets more complex, that vital role becomes ever more demanding. Through SSAT's Lead Practitioner programme, Bristnall Hall academy have helped teachers perform their role even better, more confidently and more professionally than ever before."*