

# AN INTRODUCTION TO NORDANGLIA UNIVERSITY





Nord Anglia University is the home of professional development in Nord Anglia Education. As an education organisation, learning at all levels is embedded deeply in our philosophy and we are firmly committed to supporting the professional development of all of our staff.

### WHAT IS NORD ANGLIA UNIVERSITY?

Nord Anglia University is a professional community of educators from across the Nord Anglia Education family of schools. It provides everyone within the Nord Anglia Education family with access to high quality thought leadership, discussion, research and resources. By engaging with Nord Anglia University, our people are able to hone their professional skills, engage with leading edge pedagogical ideas and thereby enable their students to achieve ever higher levels of performance. By providing our people with opportunities to reflect on their own practice and to learn from other colleagues we create a vibrant community of professionals focused on improving outcomes for our students.

## HOW CAN I ENGAGE WITH NORD ANGLIA UNIVERSITY?

There are lots of ways for you to get involved in Nord Anglia University. Here are just some of them:

#### COMMUNITIES

Our professional learning communities are at the heart of Nord Anglia University. Whether discussing hot topics online or meeting face to face at regional conferences or other events, our people are always discussing the latest thinking and sharing their challenges and successes. The easiest way to get involved is to log in to Nord Anglia University Online and join in the discussions in our vibrant online communities.

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What I value about NAU is the opportunity to keep in touch with others and get their views on my own issues, whilst also being challenged by their posts on issues I hadn't even thought of yet.

#### INTRODUCTORY COURSES

Our online introductory courses have been designed to provide a solid foundation in key topics that are integral to teaching in our schools. They are self-study, interactive courses taking each less an hour to complete. Ranging in topic from 'An Introduction to High Performance Learning' to 'An Introduction to Teaching English as an Additional Language' they are available for all staff to complete. In the courses area, simply click on Introductory Courses and choose one to begin.

I have completed the Introduction to HPL course, which I have to say was an excellent revision tool and also introduced some really useful theory models. I found this course really helpful.

#### **STUDY COURSES**

Our study courses run for several weeks and give you the opportunity to focus in more depth on a specialist area such as how to embed High Performance Learning in English lessons, or how to maximise the effectiveness of technology for learning. Lasting for 4-5 weeks, they are a mixture of interactive content, online tasks and in-school activities with facilitation of an expert tutor. See a list of available study courses and cohort times within the study courses page of the courses area.



#### LIBRARY

Our online library gives you access to a research database containing thousands of articles, journals and e-books.

Thank you very, very much Nord Anglia Education - this is a fantastic resource! Have just been checking it out and have spent a couple of hours looking material I'm interested in! There are latest issues (2013) and it's easy to navigate round to find what you're looking for and then to save/download/print. Can't believe that this is available to us!

#### HIGH PERFORMANCE LEARNING

Our High Performance Learning approach is integral to our students achieving ever higher levels of performance. We are committed to supporting the development of High Performance Learning in our schools and you can learn more about it through dedicated area in Nord Anglia University Online, through our online course 'An Introduction to High Performance Learning', through INSET delivered in school and by reading a range of publications outlining the approach. Our recent study courses have also focussed on the complexity of embedding High Performance Learning in specific curriculum subjects.

#### LEADERSHIP PROGRAMMES

Nord Anglia Education is committed to developing leadership at all levels within our organisations. Our leadership programmes are bespoke, blended learning programmes which develop our three core leadership groups. Our Middle, Senior and Executive leadership programmes are fundamental to developing the leadership potential of our people at all stages of their careers.

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It was a wonderful opportunity to meet with peers and to share ideas and practice. Having been a part of Nord Anglia Education for four years, for me events like these are incredibly welcome and one of our `distinguishing features.'

#### **REGIONAL CONFERENCES**

Our regional conferences are held in the autumn term and provide the opportunity for staff in each of our regions to get together to share their practice, hear from leading edge experts and develop new ideas for how we can help our students to thrive. This year they also featured keynote speeches from our Chief Executive, Andrew Fitzmaurice, and Education Director, Professor Deborah Eyre. You can listen to these speeches in the 'Conferences' section of Nord Anglia University Online.

Very interesting discussions on HPL and also the session on 'learning sets' was brilliant. The opportunity to present a session myself was also great for my own CPD.





#### **SEMINAR SERIES**

Our seminar series bring experts from inside the organisation and the wider world to our staff. The series start with collaboration with Oxford University Press and contains videos from recently published authors which run alongside robust discussion from our people. If you are interested in creating a seminar video, please contact nau@nordanglia.com

Thanks for adding this new area of the NAU - exciting stuff! I think there are some real nuggets of gold to be taken away from what Terry and Tony were discussing.

#### **WEBINARS**

Our webinars are run by our Teaching Fellows and provide a great opportunity for staff from across our schools to talk about hot topics or hear new ideas. All our webinars are recorded and you can listen to them on Nord Anglia University Online.

Thank you for giving me so many great ideas on the webinar this week. It was a great, time effective way of sharing professional development between schools. Teacher, Beijing

#### TWITTER

Follow us on @naeuniversity or #naulearn where we share interesting articles, research and updates from our learning community.

## WHAT ELSE IS EXCITING ABOUT NORD ANGLIA UNIVERSITY?

#### **TEACHING FELLOWS**

Our Teaching Fellows are teachers from our schools who have deep specialist knowledge in their chosen areas. They develop online communities, study courses and webinars to share their experience and latest developments in their areas with our teachers.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

2013 saw the inaugural professional development awards that highlight some of the best professional development in our schools. These awards were presented by our Chief Executive, Andrew Fitzmaurice, at the Regional Conferences. To see videos from each of the winners click on the 'Conferences' section of Nord Anglia University Online.

#### HOW DO I ACCESS NORD ANGLIA UNIVERSITY ONLINE?

To access Nord Anglia University Online you need to log on to your school Moodle and then follow the link to Nord Anglia University.

If you are new to the site, a good place to start is the Staffroom Discussion Community – click on 'Staffroom Discussion' and introduce yourself, ask a question or join in one of the existing discussions. All of our communities are very friendly and a great way to get to know staff across the Nord Anglia Education family of schools, so come and join our vibrant professional community.



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