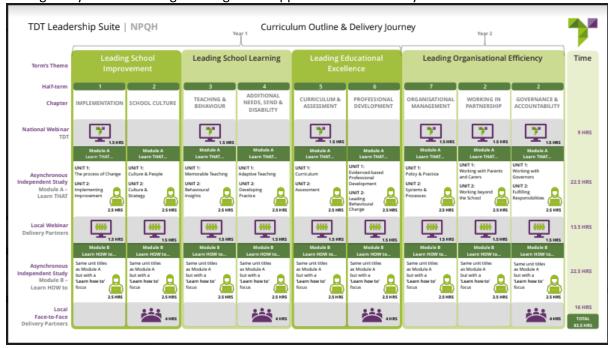
Dear Participant,

Huge congratulations on being accepted on to our NPQH Programme. As we know, research tells us that leadership is second only to teaching in making a difference to outcomes for young people. The programme you are embarking on will further enhance the contributions you can make to this. The NPQH aims to help you to lead high quality teaching and curriculum, whether in a subject, year-group, key stage, or a phase.

The aim of this letter is to help you begin to familiarise yourself with the programme and to start feeling ready for the exciting challenges and opportunities ahead of you.



All NPQs (National Professional Qualifications) in the suite have been carefully constructed with some key areas of learning in mind, and these are listed below:



Course structure and approach.

The NPQH has 18 months of study followed by an assessment period.

Our **flexible** study approach is underpinned by high quality, **web-based self-study** with plenty of **online discussion** with your peers and **support** from your course leader.

You will have heard from TDT (Teacher Development Trust) when your national online seminar is, but you will also find the information about that, and the dates and venues of all other activities listed above in the attached calendar. Key activities in these sessions will include:



Your facilitators will be:



Rob Morrissey

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I have successfully served as a head teacher and executive head teacher for 17 years. During this time, I led two outstanding schools in vastly different settings. In my first headship I took a one form entry community school with falling numbers on roll to a 3-form entry oversubscribed outstanding school. My last senior role was as an executive head teacher of two Church of England schools where I was able to unify two quite separate communities into one cohesive school. I have supported other schools and leaders as an NLE. I have undertaken a number of school and pupil premium reviews. I have also mentored new head teachers for local authorities and diocese. I am a Fellow of the Chartered College and a Chartered Teacher (Leadership Status). I am also an ILM accredited wellbeing coach with the British School of Coaching.

Nicola Wells

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Nicola started her teaching career 36 years ago as a PE and SEN Teacher. She has experience of teaching in both mainstream and special school settings and was inspired to become a headteacher following her NPQH training back in 2007. Nicola feels highly privileged to have had the opportunity to work alongside a range of highly talented multi-disciplinary staff teams, that have influenced how she set up a new special school for children with SEMH and ASC.

Nicola has a passion for lifelong learning and is currently studying for a level 7 executive coaching and mentoring qualification. Her passion for reading also supports her in achieve her core purpose of being her best self and supporting others to be the same.

Rob and Nicola will be your first port of call with any queries relating to your NPQ, if you have any further questions do contact us.

Facilitators have completed extensive training so that they can support you in your programme. Asynchronous engagement in discussion boards will enable your facilitators to craft the sessions to suit your contexts, and to respond to questions you may have, using the materials provided by TDT

This is such an exciting time for us in the profession – the suite of professional qualifications will enable us to question our own tacit knowledge and theories of action, so that we can make evidence-based decisions in our schools. The fundamentals of school improvement depend on the culture of improvement and strong relational trust that will ensue.

Expectations during sessions

- 1. Attendance at sessions is mandatory. This includes webinars and face-to-face sessions.
- 2. During face-to-face sessions, participants are expected to wear professional dress.
- 3. During webinars, participants are expected to have cameras on and be able to use a microphone. The sessions are interactive, and use break-out rooms to discuss provocations, and thus engagement via camera and microphone is essential.
- 4. This is your space to learn, and we would ask that you put aside all other environmental distractions and priorities to engage fully in the sessions.
- 5. Your participation and engagement are pre-requisites to enable you and your colleagues to optimise the learning opportunities. This will mean that your preparation, using the asynchronous materials, in advance, is key, and that you are ready to respectfully share your perspectives on these. The programme will endeavour to enable you to question your own theories of action, so that you might enhance decision making in your own setting and others that you might encounter.
- 6. It is expected during the session for you to wear a red lanyard and not leave the lodge without being accompanied by TGAT staff.

We hope this serves as a useful introduction to your qualification. On the next page, you will find details of the schedule, including the dates of the various elements of the programme, some of which are local sessions and other are national events. TDT will be organising the national events and you should await further information from them regarding these elements. We are really looking forward to working with you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch, using the following email address: tsh@tgacademy.org.uk

Helen Myers,

Acting Director of Teaching School Hub, Tudor Grange Academy.

National Professional Qualification for Headship

Programme dates

Delivery Session Name	Delivery Mode	Date*	Start Time*	End Time*
National Seminar 1	Online	18/10/22	13:30	15:00
Local Seminar 1	Face to face	10/11/22	15:00	17:00
Local Seminar 2	Online	06/12/22	09:00	10:30
Face to face workshop 1	Face to face	17/01/23	09:00	13:00
National Seminar 2	Online	25/01/23	10:00	11:30

Local Seminar 3	Online	22/02/23	15:00	16:30
Local Seminar 4	Online	22/03/23	09:00	10:30
Face to face workshop 2	Face to face	19/04/23	13:00	17:00
National Seminar 3	Online	03/05/23	10:00	11:30
Local Seminar 5	Online	20/06/23	15:00	16:30
Local Seminar 6	Online	20/09/23	15:00	16:30
Face to face workshop 3	Face to face	12/10/23	09:00	13:00
				17:00
National Seminar 4	Online	09/11/23	15:30	
Local Seminar 7	Online	30/11/23	09:00	10:30
Local Seminar 8	Online	24/01/24	15:00	16:30
Local Seminar 9	Online	29/02/24	09:00	10:30
Face to face workshop 4	Face to face	18/03/24	13:00	17:00

The Face-to-Face sessions will be conducted at Tudor Grange Academy Solihull in The Lodge building. Please use the QR code to access the map to see where this is located on the Academy site:

