Education Matters is an e-newsletter for all staff and postgraduates who are involved in teaching and supporting student learning and contains items relating to the Teaching Academy and other internal and external news.

Teaching Academy News

The intranet site for the Teaching Academy contains an introductory video and information on the activities of the TA and includes a list of upcoming events organised by the TA, CLAD/LS and Colleges. If you have any queries about the TA or need more information please contact the TA Administrator Helen Rosser.

Teaching & Learning Conference 2017 – Save the date

The theme for this year’s Teaching & Learning Conference will be - ‘Research-Intensive Teaching’ and it will be held on Tuesday 4th July. Further details of speakers and the conference programme, registration and the call for contributions will be available on the TA Website in due course.
TA Awards for Postgraduate Researchers who are involved in teaching or support student learning

The deadline for submitting nominations is 31st May 2017. The TA awards details and nomination forms are now available.

Birmingham Education Fellowships

Applications are now invited for the Birmingham Education Fellowships. For more information and how to apply go to the Teaching Academy website. The closing date for applications is 30th June 2017.

Upcoming events

ResourceLists: workshops and drop-in sessions for tutors

The sessions are designed to show you how to create lists; add links to a wide variety of resources; how to request scans (digitisations), and link your lists to Canvas. Find out more and sign up.

Beacon: drop-in and workshop sessions

This scheme is an institutional route to professional recognition by the Higher Education Academy (HEA) through the HEA Fellowship framework, suitable for all those who teach and support learning whether you are academic or professional services staff. For further details see Other Internal News section below, or visit the intranet.

Beacon Orientation Workshop dates

- 8th June 2017 1–4pm
- 15th June 2017 1–4pm
- 20th June 2017 1–4pm

Beacon Writing Workshop dates

- 12th July 2017 1–4pm
20th July 2017 10am–1pm

**Academic Practice Writing Group**

- Half Day (10am to 1pm)
- 17th May 2017

**Events’ Resources Archive**

Have you been unable to attend a Teaching Academy event or would like to follow up on one you have attended? You can access our events archive on the Teaching Academy Canvas course where slides and panopto recordings are stored. It’s a public course so no need to register. Find out more at the canvas website.

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**Other internal news**

**Professional Development Gateway for Teaching and Learning – Coming Soon, Phase Two**

Phase Two of the Professional Development Gateway for Teaching and Learning will be available from Spring 2017. The Gateway offers a suite of short, online professional development modules for academics to support the use of innovative teaching, learning and assessment strategies for both on- and off-campus programme delivery.

In Phase Two, to be available from Spring 2017, further modules will be available in:

- Resource Lists (working with the library)
- Module Communication in Canvas
- Webinar Tools
- Making the most of Canvas Analytics (supporting academic led modules)
- E-portfolios/Reflective Practice
- Using audio and video in Canvas
- Module Evaluation (online resource to support use of current Evasys tool)
- Canvas student pre induction module

Visit the [Professional Development Gateway](#).
Big Conversation Blog

The Big Conversation is a UoB blog featuring a wide-ranging discussion thinking ahead to 2026, considering ways in which the University's education and curriculum should change and develop over the next 10 years.

It is a great opportunity to engage in a conversation with colleagues across campus. Contributions and comments come from every corner of the University, covering topics such as research-led teaching, flexible/global curriculum, systems thinking and much more. Comments are welcome; simply add your comment in the box below the post.

If you would like to add a post on a topic of your choice, please email it to bigconversation@contacts.bham.ac.uk and it will be added immediately.

New Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education

The new Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (replacing PCAP) was launched in October and three cohorts of staff are now progressing with the programme. The PgCert HE is a probationary requirement for staff new to teaching in higher education but is also available for staff who teach or support learning as a continuing professional development opportunity. Completion of the programme awards Fellowship of the HEA as well as a Learning, Teaching and Assessing award from the Staff and Educational Development Association (SEDA). The programme and associated awards are all recognised by HESA as teaching qualifications.

If you would like to find out more or request an application pack for cohorts starting in 2017/18 please contact: pgcertenquiries@contacts.bham.ac.uk.

Beacon Professional Recognition Scheme

The Beacon Professional Recognition Scheme offers an institutional route to professional recognition by the HEA through the Fellowship framework. The University is accredited by the HEA to award Associate Fellowship, Fellowship and Senior Fellowship of the HEA through the scheme and supports staff in writing applications through workshops and mentoring. Fellowships of the HEA are also HESA recognised teaching qualifications.

Submission dates for 2017/18 together with details of workshops will be released shortly. For further information please check the Beacon intranet page or contact: beacon@contacts.bham.ac.uk.
External News

RAISE 2017 Conference - Perspectives on student engagement; looking forward... thinking back (6–8 September 2017)

Find out more on the RAISE website.

HEA accredited CPD schemes driving positive change - report

Reviews from 109 institutions on the impact and benefits of their Higher Education Academy (HEA) accredited Continuing Professional Development (CPD) schemes indicate they are driving positive change. Read more details and view the report.

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