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Opportunities for schools

NEW Schools for Success

London schools can learn from the expertise of the Mayor's Schools for Success, who were selected by the Mayor based on the exceptional progress they have made with low prior attaining pupils. To read the profiles of the Schools for Success, arrange visits or attend free events, visit www.london.gov.uk/schools-for-success

NEW STEM

We will soon be announcing exciting STEM activities following on from last year's STEM Roundtable. These aim to drive up teachers' understanding of STEM careers in London, challenge pervasive gender stereotypes, and boost the numbers of young Londoners taking part in real life science projects.

NEW Early Years and Childcare

Applications are now open for organisations to lead the Mayor's **Early Years Hubs**. The hubs will bring schools, childminders, and Private Voluntary and Independent nurseries together to improve access to quality early years education and childcare for London's most disadvantaged families. Primary schools are a required partner. **The deadline for applications is 17:00 on Friday 10 November 2017**. Further information: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/education-and-youth/support-families-and-early-years/early-years-and-childcare/early>

Getting Ahead London: creating London's next headteachers

Getting Ahead London is in its second year helping talented senior leaders to become future heads or principals. A positive evaluation of the pilot year which is published shows that one third of the 60 participants getting promotions and one quarter being offered headships already. See www.london.gov.uk/gettingahead

Teach London: helping with recruitment and retention

The Mayor is supporting the Teaching Schools Council and London school system by commissioning research and advocating in relation to the scale of teacher shortages in London. A **Teach London** resource will be published on www.london.gov.uk this term. It will include a London Teacher Training Map to attract more trainees and set out some of the great benefits of developing your teaching career in London.

London Ambitions

Across London young people don't always get the careers advice they need. We have worked with London Councils, London's local enterprise partnership and others to develop the London Ambitions careers offer. This sets out key recommendations to help to transform the landscape of careers and employment support for young people. To support schools and colleges the Mayor:

- Produced the **London Ambitions portal** which makes it easy for schools, colleges and employers to connect – providing experience of the world of work for 4-18 years olds. It's a great way for teachers to explore the careers London has to offer for their students. Sign-up for free at www.london.gov.uk/ambitions
- Leads London's **Enterprise Adviser** programme, which is delivered by Team London on behalf of The Careers and Enterprise Company. It works with teachers to develop and implement a whole school careers education plan through matching them with volunteers from the world of work. We are now expanding to support 60 more secondary schools across the capital. If you are interested, please email EnterpriseAdvisers@london.gov.uk. Further information can be found at www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/volunteering/reducing-barriers-social-mobility/enterprise-advisers
- Developed 12 **Careers Clusters**. Funded by the European Social Fund, they are working with senior leadership teams to design high quality careers education offers for secondary schools and FE colleges. Careers Clusters are piloting sustained employer activities for pupils, helping teachers

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understand London's job opportunities and matching and supporting pupils into work placements and internships.

Find out more about London Ambitions: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/education-and-youth/preparing-young-people-workplace/about-london-ambitions>

Youth Innovation Fund

We have launched two new Youth Innovation Fund projects. These support young people aged 16 to 24 into sustained employment, education or training. They are running over a 3-year period. Dame Kelly Holmes Trust is working in partnership with London South East Colleges to deliver **Getting Back on Track**. This helps young people who have recently dropped out from their level 2/3 studies at school or college. **Care Leavers into Work** is led by Drive Forward Foundation and is supporting care leavers into sustained employment in Lambeth, Hackney and Haringey. It provides intensive one-to-one support, mentoring and employability training programmes to improve the independence, self-confidence and work readiness of care leavers.

London Curriculum

If you want to make London your classroom, listen up. The **London Curriculum** uses the capital to bring the national curriculum to life at key stages 2 and 3. Join the programme, and you'll get access to a wide range of free teaching resources to inspire your students. You'll also enjoy London Curriculum Lates (evening events for teachers) plus a range of great activities for students. It's free and easy to use – teachers can access all our resources in a matter of seconds. To get started visit www.london.gov.uk/london-curriculum

We've created some exciting Family Explorer Trails, to help families find out more about this brilliant city and have fun too in the holidays. Find out more at www.london.gov.uk/familytrails

Supporting excellence in teaching and leadership

The **London Teacher Innovation Fund** offered exceptional teachers the chance to win up to £10,000 to kick-start innovative educational projects. It supported 11 projects across the capital, all seeking to raise pupil attainment by creating fantastic new teaching resources. Three of the teachers have successfully applied for funding to grow their projects and replicate them across more London schools. Information can be found here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/education-and-youth/improving-standards-schools-and-teaching/london-teacher-innovation>

Our 17 **Subject Knowledge Hubs** provided opportunities for teachers to work together alongside subject and business experts to support excellent teaching in London schools. See www.london.gov.uk/lsef for more information, free resources and contact details.

Stepping Stones

Stepping Stones supports vulnerable pupils making the transition from primary to secondary schools. Piloted for one year in 2016/17 by Gladesmore Community School, Urswick School, Heathcote School and Science College and their feeder primary schools, Stepping Stones explored ways of supporting successful transition. We will soon publish a toolkit to help other schools replicate Stepping Stones successful peer mentoring, summer school and academic support www.london.gov.uk/steppingstones

City Hall School Visits

All London schools are welcome to visit City Hall. It's a chance to learn more about London, how it is governed and how young people can get involved in democracy. For more information, details on availability, or to make a booking, please email visits@london.gov.uk

Mayor's Schools newsletter

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