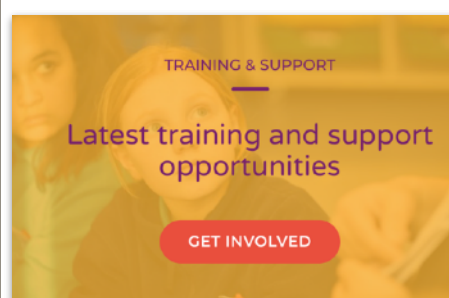


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MANTLE OF THE EXPERT



MoE Mantle of the Expert



Welcome to the Mantle of the Expert newsletter Autumn, 2020

2020 will always be remembered as a strange year: countries in lockdown, schools closed, and a world in shock. And like everyone else the Mantle of the Expert community has had to make changes and adapt to the new normal.

Our work has always been in schools - face to face with children, developing learning, and supporting teachers - but for much of the last six months this hasn't been possible and so we have started to find other ways to communicate and provide training and support.

In this newsletter you will find news and information on these new developments - an online training event we have planned for November 21st; a series of podcasts delving into some of the more complex ideas behind the approach; new guides and films exploring Mantle of the Expert and its applications; as well as news on projects we are working on with schools, both face to face and online.

Although the crisis has disrupted our work and made it more difficult to work in schools, it has given us the opportunity to reflect and to create some of the resources we have planned to do for years but not had the time. These resources - plans, guides, podcasts, and online events - are starting to appear on the website and will continue to grow over the coming months.



Training Schools

There are currently six Mantle of the Expert Training Schools - [Woodrow First School, Redditch](#); [Bealings Primary School, Suffolk](#); [St John's Primary School, Newcastle](#); [Priory Church in Wales School, Brecon](#); [Dogmersfield Primary, Hampshire](#) and [Ysgol Cae'r Nant, Deeside](#).

Training Schools have been awarded the [Quality Mark](#) for developing Mantle of the Expert to a high standard. Using the approach to organise their curriculum and to teach in the classroom.



In normal times the MoE Training Schools welcome visitors to see Mantle of the Expert in action, to discuss how the approach works on a practical level, and to support schools looking to develop MoE in their own setting.

Once the crisis is over the Training Schools will welcome visitors once more, in the meantime if you would like to contact a Training School to ask questions about teaching, planning, assessment, or any other subject, please contact them directly using the links in the text above.

Quality Mark

For more information on the Quality Mark please visit the [QM page on the website](#) where you can find out about MoE QM teachers, ambassadors, and trainers.

Online Training



21st November is the start of a new venture for [Mantle of the Expert Online](#).

Suitable for beginners, intermediate, and advanced users, this one day **Zoom event** will bring together educators from all over the world for workshops on a range of subjects:

- Getting started with Mantle of the Expert
- The use and application of Dramatic Imagination
- Using MoE in an international school setting
- The role of the conventions of dramatic action
- MoE in the International Context - IPC - PYP

The workshop leaders are, Debra Kidd - author of Curriculum of Hope - and teacher who has worked in schools across the world.

Louise Ryan - international educator and Mantle of the Expert coach who has integrated MoE in an international school setting.

Tim Taylor - author of A Beginner's Guide to Mantle of the Expert.

BOOKINGS can be made online through our [Event page](#).

PRICE: \$85/£67

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Planning Guide

PLANNING FOR MANTLE OF THE EXPERT: A GUIDE

By Tim Taylor

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We have written a new [Planning Guide](#) - a step by step tutorial on the Mantle of the Expert planning process incorporating the [online planning template](#).

Mantle of the Expert Planning

On the [Contexts](#) page you will find new planning written by teachers and tested in the classroom.



Titles include: "The Disappearing Island" by Wayne Mitchell; "The Ruined Castle" by Tim Taylor & Luke Abbott; "Turtle Watch" by Helen Nash; and "The Enchanted Wood" by Nicole Winter.

Podcasts



We have started to record and publish a series of podcasts on a number of subjects related to the teaching of Mantle of the Expert.

The first three are:

1. The use of the Dramatic Conventions.
2. The 'Two Circles' - the role of imagination.
3. The use of the Six Dimensions of Dramatic Imagination.

More to come!

Films



A new film [introducing Mantle of the Expert](#) and the essential elements is now available on the website.

A film on the Conventions of Dramatic Action is coming soon.

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