

Shanghai Primary Teacher Exchange 2016-17

Two teachers; Natalie Ruddell from Cotsford Junior School and Valda Varadinek-Skelton from Eldon Grove Academy, have been selected to take part in a prestigious teacher exchange, focusing on mathematics, with a partner school in Shanghai.

Natalie and Valda are among 70 expert mathematics teachers from schools across England taking part in an exchange as part of the Maths Hubs programme. Cotsford Junior School and Eldon Grove Academy are working with the Archimedes NE Maths Hub.

The purpose of the exchange is to further develop the understanding and implementation of mastery approaches to teaching maths in Eldon Grove School, and in local partner schools he/she will be working with during the school year (2016-2017).

This is one part of what is called the Teaching for Mastery Programme, run by the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM) in conjunction with the Maths Hubs programme.

In July this year, the School Standards Minister, Nick Gibb, announced £41m of funding for the Teaching for Mastery programme over the next four school years.

The group of teachers, all of whom completed the Mastery Specialists programme within their Maths Hubs last year, will be visiting Shanghai in the first half of November this year, and hosting their partner teachers from Shanghai in English schools in late November/early December or in January 2017.

There are 35 Maths Hubs, spread across England, each led by a school with a record of high achievement in maths and of supporting improvements in maths teaching and learning in neighbouring schools.

This is the third teacher exchange with schools in Shanghai since the Maths Hubs programme was launched in autumn 2014.

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