

NEW HUB: Academy to offer hands-on teacher training

Training project gets £250K of investment

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A Boston school has been selected to offer hands-on teacher training across the borough – a first for the area.

Staniland Academy was selected to become a learning hub for training new starters.

The school applied to become a teaching school and was handed £250,000 of Government funding towards the project.

The school has created a training suite and will be working with other primary schools across the area in a bid to educate new starters and keep them on in the area.



ELITE TEAM: Phil Coote from Sibsey Free School, Mike Schofield from Boston West, Helen Richardson from The Great Oaks Federation, Jo French from Tower Road Academy, Rachel Creasey from Staniland Academy, Louise Yarnell from St Norbert's Catholic Primary, Spalding, and Adrian Reed from BAAF

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They may be placed at any primary school around Boston and South Holland to receive training as well as having sessions at Staniland's new training suite.

Adrian Reed, who leads Staniland Academy and the Boston Witham Academies Federation, said this would help address the national teacher shortage.

There are currently six other training hubs across the county, in Bourne and the Lincoln area.

He said: "Students can apply for a training place and they will be deployed across the area and re-

ceive training at our new suite.

"We are delighted that Staniland Academy has been confirmed as a teaching school, attracting additional government funding to support the formation of an alliance between schools across Boston and South Holland.

"A team of highly experienced headteachers have joined to form the Connect Teaching School Alliance Strategic Board to share good practice and support the next generation of teachers and leaders."

Staniland is one of 52 host schools in England to be granted teaching school status in the latest round.

The academy will work with partner schools to form the Connect Teaching School Alliance to ensure

high quality school-led initial teacher training and professional development opportunities for teachers at all stages of their career.

The alliance aims to raise standards by supporting other schools, engaging in research and development, and ensuring the most talented school leaders are spotted and supported to become successful headteachers.

The National College for Teaching and Leadership has responsibility, in partnership with headteachers from the Teaching Schools Council, for the designation and quality of the programme.

Chief executive Charlie Taylor said: "There are now almost 700



teaching schools around the country. They are at the heart of an increasingly school-led system, leading the way in improving the quality of our teachers and helping the schools in their partnership to become even better.

"Like teaching hospitals, they have become centres of excellence across the country, conducting research and training teachers."