

Welcome back to another new term and lots of new opportunities!

The news

Though the Government is no longer funding HLTA assessment we, and all the other RPAs nationally are continuing with assessment as normal – so if you have any colleagues who are interested in gaining HLTA status, please ask them to contact us or a Provider of Preparation. For information on the HLTA National Assessment Partnership visit www.hlta.org.uk

We had a very successful **HLTA of the Year Award** evening in July. We have three new outstanding winners and a very good time was had by all!



As always, competition was fierce and the decisions difficult to make so if you were nominated this time but didn't win, please enter again next year. If you didn't enter this year then make 2013 the year you have a go. Nomination forms and entry details will be available from January 2013 on our website and through the Network Membership site.

Margaret Christian, Director of Carnegie Leaders in Learning and Head of the School of Education at Leeds Metropolitan University presented the awards. Her words included

“The room was full of winners, as all shortlisted candidates are making a huge difference to the lives of children and young people in our regions.”

Photos of the winners and extracts from the press releases are shown below:



The Jenny Ellis Award for the Outstanding Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) in the North East 2011-12 has been awarded to Beverley Clarke from Beaumont Hill Academy in Darlington.

The Carnegie Leaders in Learning Award for the Outstanding Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) in the North West 2011-12 has been awarded to Debbie Lyon from Woodlands Primary School in Birkenhead, Wirral.

The Peter Sutherland Award for the Outstanding Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) in Yorkshire and Humber 2011-12 has been awarded to Andrew Carter from Sandal Endowed CE Junior School in Wakefield.

We also had another series of very successful **Professional Development Workshops**

Some comments given in the evaluations included:



Our next round of **workshops**, for HLTAs and Aspiring HLTAs start in November and are focussed on **Leadership**. Brief details are below:

If you have not already received information about these, please contact us for further information and the chance to book your place.

Date	Venue	times
November 12 th	Sheffield	All workshops start at 1.00 p.m. with lunch available from 12.30. (included in cost)
November 14 th	Penrith	
November 16 th	Leeds	
November 21 st	Newcastle	
November 22 nd	Middlesbrough	Workshops will finish at 4.00pm at the latest.
November 26 th	Manchester	
November 28 th	Chester	
December 3 rd	Hull	
December 5 th	Preston	

Please book your place as early as possible – we had to cancel one workshop last time as no-one had booked on – then there was a last minute flurry of requests

HLTA network members will, as usual, be entitled to a discount.

In June and July we held three very successful **HLTA regional conferences** attended in total by well over 200 HLTAs and aspiring HLTAs.

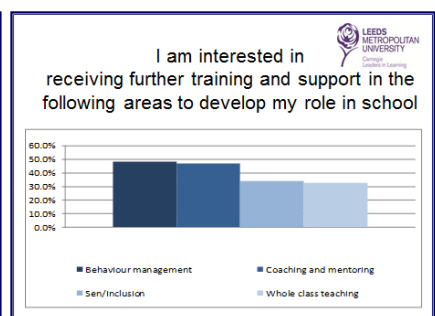
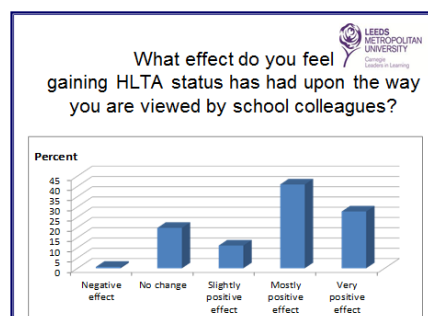
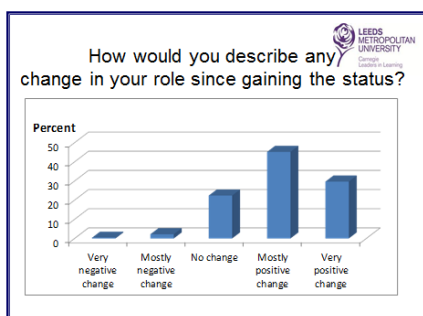
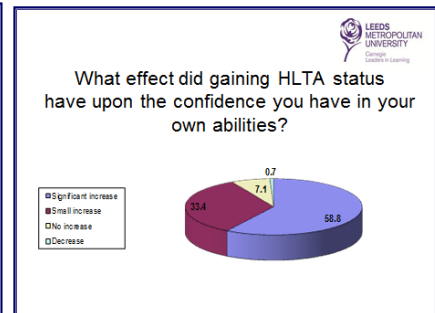
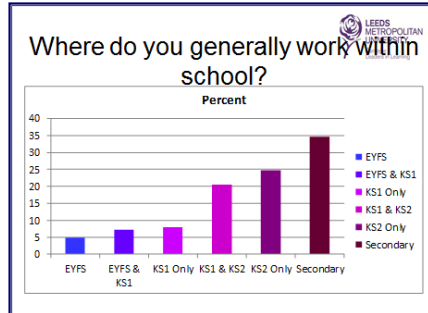
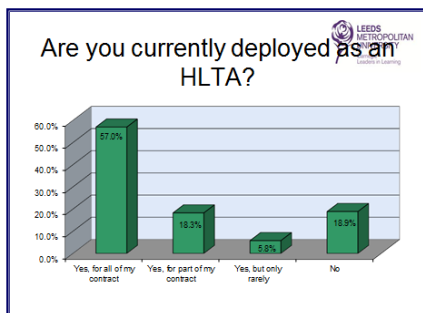
No-one who attended will ever forget **Jason Bangbala** or his messages. Who knew learning could be so much fun!

We will be arranging conferences at the same or similar venues (Leeds, Manchester and Newcastle) for **June/ July 2013**.

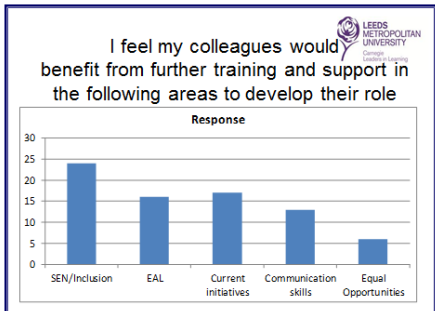
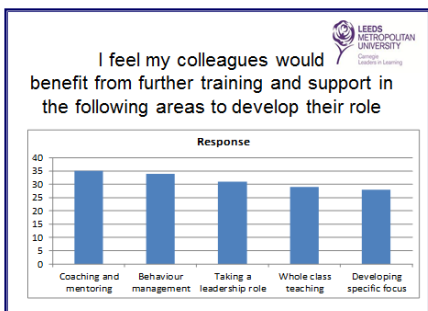
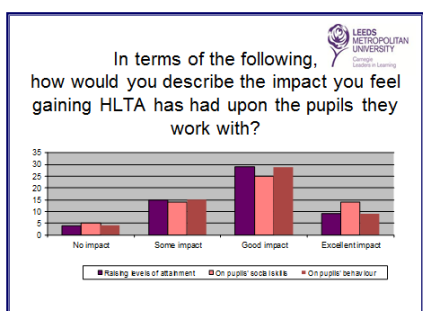
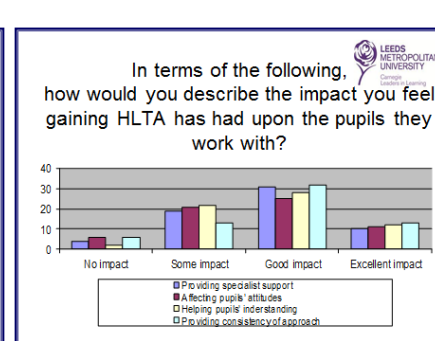
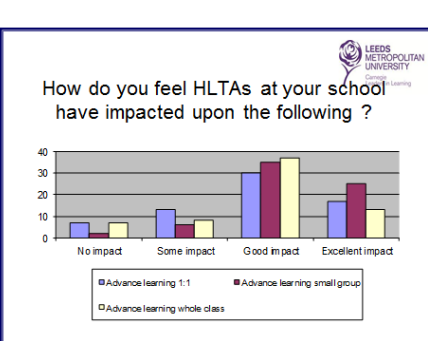
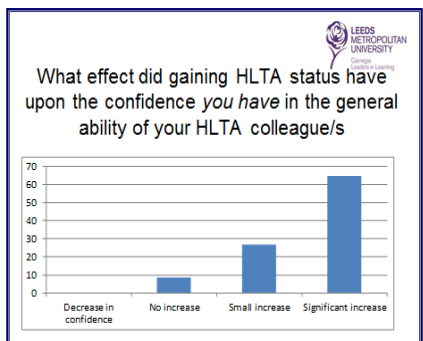
As usual, there will be a discount for our network members.

The results of the **HLTA survey** we carried out with **Best Practice Network** earlier this year can be accessed in full on our website or through the network membership Moodle page. The survey was completed by 508 HLTAs and 93 school leaders. Some key findings are summarised here:

What you said:



What your school leaders said:



Clear evidence here of the value school leaders place on HLTAs and the work you do!

The HLTA network has continued to grow and flourish. It would be even better, though, if members made more use of the discussion forums available on our Moodle pages so that you could provide each other with support and ideas.

When you join our network, you will receive an access code that will allow you to sign into the Moodle page and access the discussions and resources.

At present, as well as the discussion areas, the following resources are examples of what is available through our Moodle site:

- **News and developments in the world of education.**
- **Recommended on-line resources including featured websites.**
 - **Why not visit**
 - www.learning-exchange.org.uk for loads of ideas on extra-curricular work?
 - <http://www.elsa-support.co.uk/> an emotional literacy site developed by one of our own North of England HLTAs
- **Opportunities for staff and learners**
- **Details of subject associations and other professional bodies**
- **Upcoming events – exhibitions, focus weeks, competitions etc.**
- **HLTA Case studies**
- **Research documents and articles relevant to HLTA**
- **Professional development opportunities across the regions for support staff**

Something for everyone there

Featured **professional development opportunities:**

“Where Next?” You may have already seen separate flyers for this programme. “Where Next?” is a 3 day programme, run by Best Practice Network, specifically designed for those who already have HLTA status. It provides you with the opportunities to develop your skills and experience of leadership and working with others.

In partnership with Best Practice, we are running a course at Headingley Stadium, Leeds which starts this November.

Dates are: Tuesday November 13th 2012
 Wednesday 30th January 2013
 Thursday 7th March 2013

The cost is £375 per participant with a 10% discount for network members.

If you are interested in being part of this group, please contact Rachel Bostwick
Rachel.bostwick@carnegieleaders.org.uk

If you are interested in the programme but can't make Leeds we are happy to run it in other parts of the North of England if we get enough interest. Please contact Rachel if you would like us to look at the possibility of running a group closer to you.

Other CPD offered with Best Practice can be found by visiting <http://www.bestpracticenet.co.uk/support-staff-development> again, please contact Rachel if you'd like us to put a group together.

On-line specialist SEN modules.

Many of you will already know about these modules which Leeds Met has developed in conjunction with ICEP (Institute of Child Education & Psychology Europe).

Each module can be accredited at Level 4, Level 6 or Level 7. For further information please visit the ICEP website www.icepe.eu

An autism module started this month. By visiting the ICEP website you can find details of the start dates for future planned modules.

Details of **other accredited courses through LMU and other HEIs** can be found on our Moodle site.

If you come across any interesting courses please let us know and we'll pass the information on. The easiest way to do this is via our Moodle site if you are a network member.

At Leeds Met, as in many other universities, we have courses where you are given between 20 and 40 credits at Level 4 as a result of having HLTA status. For example the Degree course on Children's Learning and Development, a part time course that can be completed through attendance at **workshops or distance learning or a mixture of both – whatever suits you best.**

For further details about this course contact Chelle Davison c.davison@leedsmet.ac.uk

There are also opportunities for HLTA status to help you gain access to **EYPS** programmes if you are working with the very young. For further information about this please also contact Chelle, as above.

If your organisation is offering anything that you think would be of interest to HLTAs and aspiring HLTAs, please contact Rachel Bostwick so that we can get your information onto our Moodle site too.

Contacts for further information:

For further information about Professional Development Workshops or Network Membership please also contact Rachel Bostwick.

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Or visit the HLTA National Assessment Partnership website www.hlta.org.uk

And don't forget, if you have any news or ideas we'd love to hear from you.

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