

Eye on Supply

The supply teaching newsletter for cover coordinators

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Tap Teachers

...Let's teach!



Quality Mark audit successfully passed

Tap Teachers has successfully passed its third audit with the Department of Children, Schools and Families' Quality Mark regulatory body.

The audit took place on 17th February and involved an assessment of Tap Teachers' recruitment policies and methods by an on-site Quality Mark representative. Tap Teachers has held the Quality Mark status since 2004 and has entered its fifth year as recognised holder.

The importance of the Quality Mark scheme was emphasized by the 'Safeguarding Children' report by OFSTED which highlighted the need for effective communication between schools and agencies on data checking. By using Quality Mark holders like Tap Teachers, schools are ensuring that the necessary checking procedures are in place and that the providers they work with are up to date with the latest DCSF guidelines. To find out more about Quality Mark, [click here](#).

Quality Mark

department for
children, schools and families

We can help your school achieve Healthy Schools status!

As you may have read in previous newsletters Tap Teachers are offering a specialist supply teaching solution called Learning Days. A Learning Day involves a specially trained Tap Teachers supply teacher delivering a whole day's worth of curriculum rich learning based around a single theme. Learning Days modules have been endorsed by a number of official bodies, including the DCSF's National Healthy Schools Initiative.

In Northamptonshire alone, 97% of schools are taking part in the initiative and 63% of these have already achieved Healthy Schools status. The Learning Days modules endorsed by the Healthy Schools initiative help provide pupils with a basic understanding of what it means to be a healthy school. By booking out Healthy Schools endorsed Learning Days with Tap Teachers, you are helping to raise awareness of the scheme within your school and demonstrate a willingness to meet the criteria needed to achieve or maintain Healthy Schools status. Visit the Healthy Schools Northamptonshire website's news page [here](#) to find out more.



Healthy Schools

Legislation Watch



SIX MORE PROJECTS MAINTAIN THE PACE OF ACADEMY PROGRAMME

Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families Ed Balls and Schools Minister Jim Knight have today given the go-ahead to develop detailed plans for six new academies in Bournemouth, Sandwell, two in Croydon and two in Wolverhampton.

Today's announcement means the number of academies to be open in 2010 is on track to hit 243.

These new Academies form part of the Department's plan to accelerate the academies programme as one of the building blocks of the National Challenge programme. Academies are one of the key parts of the strategy to realise this goal.

The Prime Minister and Ed Balls have said that by 2011 all schools should have at least 30 per cent of pupils achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs, including English and Maths.

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BBC Education News

Brown sets targets for science

Prime Minister Gordon Brown has set targets to increase the number of pupils in secondary school in England taking science subjects.

In the next five years, Mr Brown wants to double the number of pupils taking "triple science", which includes biology, chemistry and physics. He also wants to have access to science as single subjects in 90% of schools. [Read More](#)

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