



New Year, New Brands

In 2022 we saw three new brands join the Connex Education Partnership. Formally part of the Classroom Partnership, these individual brands have rebranded to align with the Partnerships' shared goal of providing a holistic recruitment service to the education sector.

Our new brands help various individuals achieve their teaching career goals. From assisting individuals in finding the best roles in the education sector across England and Wales. To helping newly qualified teachers find their first teaching roles and find places for those wanting to teach abroad. From Dubai to Vietnam, they have helped our teachers achieve their dreams and potential at home and overseas.

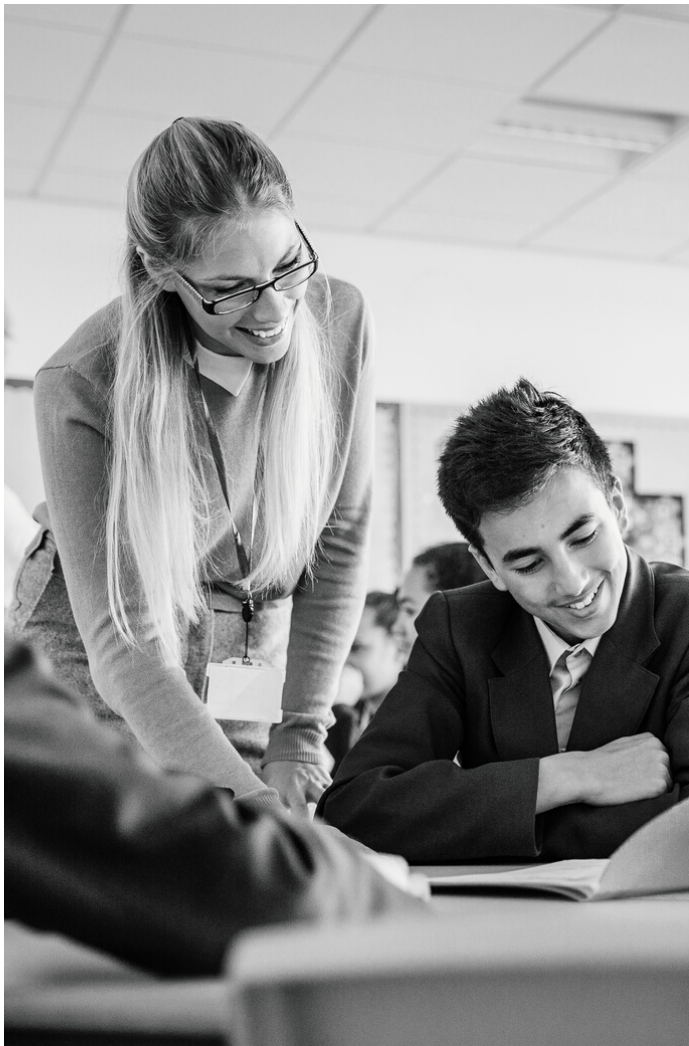
Welcome to the Connex family!

- Education Staffing Partnership has become **Connex Education Wales**
- The International Teaching Partnership has rebranded to **Connex Education International**
- The ECT Partnership is now **Connex Education Early Careers Teachers**

This Newsletter will cover some of the hot topics being discussed in school's this January, including:

- **New Year, New Brands**
- **New Blog!** – Why Should You Become a Teaching Assistant?
- **Senior Mental Health Lead Training Grant**
- **Connex Tutors** – National Tutoring Programme
- **After The Bell**
- **Introducing Connex Academy**
- **National Apprenticeship Week (NAW)**





New Blog! – Why Should You Become a Teaching Assistant?

Do you fancy a career change? Are you looking for a career in education but need help figuring out where to start?

If this sounds up your street, becoming a Teaching Assistant is your next adventure! In our new blog post, we have spoken to our current teaching assistants about their top 5 reasons to join the profession. We were overwhelmed with the responses and feedback we received from our staff.

From being able to make a real difference by working with students on a one-to-one basis to the many opportunities for career development and progression in the education sector. We discuss the skills you would need to become a Teaching Assistant and the potential salary available as a qualified Teaching Assistant, depending on experience and qualifications. [Click here to read more.](#)

Senior Mental Health Lead Training Grant

Connex Education Partnership are proud to have been selected as one of the accredited providers of the Senior Mental Health Courses funded by the Department for Education. State funded schools and colleges can use grant funding to cover the costs of training a member of their staff as a Senior Mental Health Lead, to develop and implement a whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing. You can find out more about the initiative, as well as how to access the grant [here](#).



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Connex Education Partnership are pleased to work with highly skilled and extremely knowledgeable practitioners in the field to deliver this training course to staff through our **Connex Academy Platform**. We also give you access to a support forum where you can network with the course designers and other staff completing the course, as well as producing a Senior Mental Health podcast to ensure wraparound support and development for those taking part. Find out more [here](#).

Connex Tutors – National Tutoring Programme

We've now reached the end of Autumn term, and we know that for many schools this is often the longest and most challenging term. We would like to once again recognise the outstanding ongoing efforts of our colleagues in schools, up and down the country, to make a difference to the lives of pupils every day. We hope you enjoyed a restful Christmas break ready for the new term.

We are pleased to announce some changes to our Quality Assurance processes, for those schools who are working with us to deliver tutoring through the National Tutoring Programme. We have also created a dedicated tuition team within Connex Education who will be pleased to support you on your tuition journey.

You can read more about our Quality Assurance Processes, which will be underway from January, in our **Quality Assurance of Tutors Brochure for Schools**. If you have any questions on Quality Assurance, we encourage you to reach out to Charlotte Mawson, Quality Assurance and Learning Experience Manager, who will be happy to answer any questions. Alternatively, if you are interested in setting up tuition through the National Tutoring Programme you can make an enquiry with us to find out more. You can find our contact details below.

Also for those schools who already have tuition underway, if you haven't already, don't forget to complete our **School Impact Survey** before 15th January to be in with the chance to win a £200 Amazon voucher for your school.

Here is just some of the excellent feedback we have received so far:

'All children have grown in confidence. Lots of those being tutored have made accelerated progress with their learning as a result of the quality of tuition provided.'

'We have a fantastic tutor. She puts in so much effort into enhancing the lessons and preparing her own resources. She is calm and patient with the children and they respond to her manner and delivery.'

'There is clear progress, particularly in relation to KS1 reading.'

Would highly recommend programme to other schools.'

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After The Bell

Did you know you can access our After the Bell podcast completely free? We work with industry experts to produce our insightful podcasts through Thirsty Scholars Partnership. The latest series launch is our SEND support series. Episode 6 in this series is now live and you can access it [here](#).

You can access After the Bell podcasts on [spotify](#) now including all of the fantastic series below and many more:

- Teaching Assistant Series
- SEND Series
- Early Career Framework Series
- Rosenshine's Principles of Instruction Series



Introducing Connex Academy

We are delighted to announce the launch of Connex Academy as part of the Connex Education Partnership.

Connex Academy will be merging two of The Classroom Partnership brands, Thirsty Scholars and The Teacher Training Partnership, together to create one diverse brand for those who want to develop themselves and become the next generation of teachers and school leaders.

Georgie McIntyre will now be the Managing Director of Connex Academy, she was previously recognised as a Business Woman to Watch in Education 2022. She will continue to be supported by Dean Maxfield, Leah Cartridge and Aaron Smithies.

Georgie said:

"We are absolutely delighted to announce the launch of Connex Academy. We have been rapidly expanding our library of quality courses, qualifications, and certificates to provide support for our schools and educators. Now more than ever, schools are looking for flexible solutions to support and ensure their workforces are ready to respond to the rapid pace of education transformation. We are optimistic and looking forward to what the future has in store for us."

Check out the new Connex Academy online [here](#). Where you will be able to find more information about the Connex group, all available teaching courses, workshops and news.

If you would like any more information, please do not hesitate to contact us, by email info@connex-academy.com & enquiries@connex-academy.com.

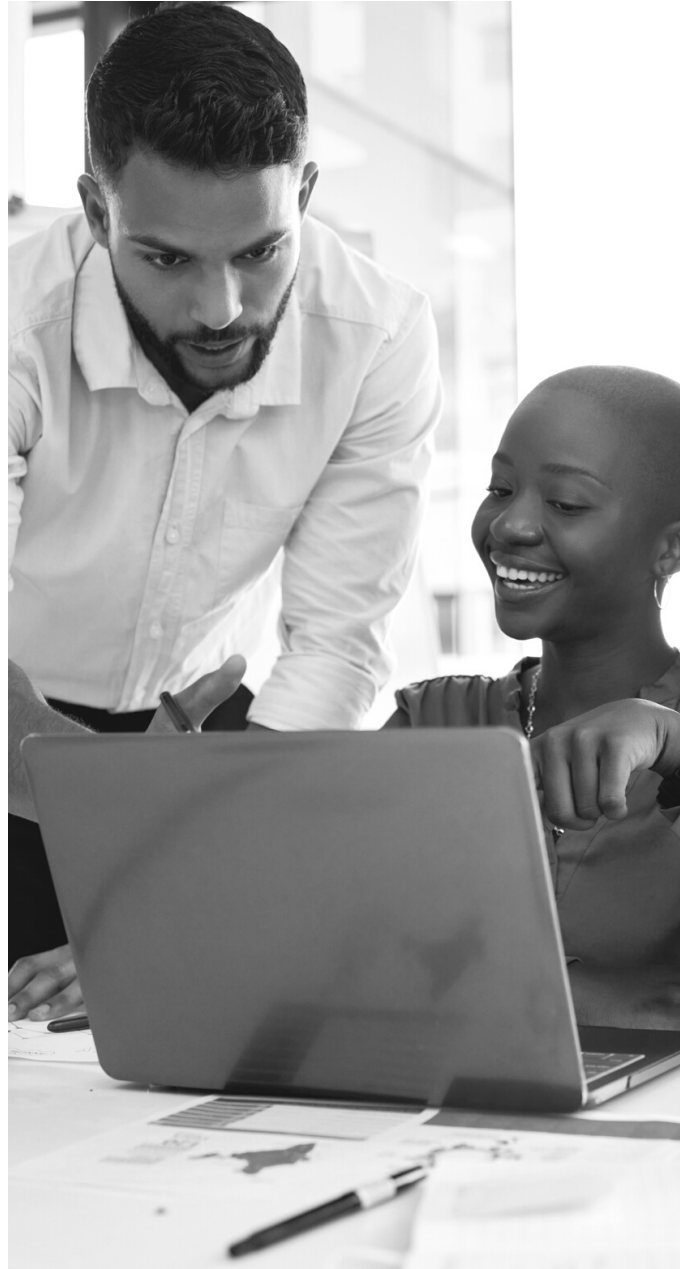
National Apprenticeship Week (NAW)

To celebrate National Apprenticeship Week, you are invited to join us on Thursday, February 9th, as our team of experts will guide you through the PGCE with QTS apprenticeship landscape for 2023 and beyond, including the following:

- Apprenticeship Levy funding
- The PGCE with QTS training route
- Changes to Bursary System
- Retain and Retrain Your existing Staff
- Question and Answer Session

We will also cover Level 5 Professional Coaching Apprenticeships, which is open to all staff members across schools who wish to develop an ethos and culture of coaching going forward.

Time will also be given to a Level 7 Masters in Educational Leadership course, aimed at all senior leaders who wish to gain further experience and qualifications with a hands-on practical course that can make a tangible impact not just on your member of staff but for your school. Sign up today [here](#). Or for all the school-based apprenticeship webinars [click here](#).



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