Physics Partners

PHYSICS PARTNERS A-LEVEL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Application Pack

Develop your confidence. Strengthen your subject knowledge. Become an inspiring A-Level Physics teacher.

Are you an early-career teacher or a non-specialist who would like to develop towards teaching A-Level Physics?

Physics Partners is launching a new A-Level Physics Development Programme in the South East, offering a small group of committed teachers the opportunity to develop their subject knowledge and teaching through sustained mentoring, practical sessions and an end-of-year residential.

The programme will be led by experienced Physics Partners coach and mentor Steve Hearn, building on a successful mentoring approach that has already helped three non-specialist teachers progress to teaching A-Level Physics.

What will you gain?

Individual mentoring

- Personalised mentoring with an experienced A-Level Physics teacher.
- One-to-one Zoom sessions focused on your subject knowledge and teaching needs.
- Ongoing support and advice through a dedicated WhatsApp group.
- Opportunities to discuss your teaching and develop your approach to challenging topics.

Practical Saturday sessions

- Regular A-Level Physics sessions
- Practical work and experimental techniques.
- Developing subject knowledge and tackling common misconceptions.
- Exploring effective approaches to teaching A-Level Physics.

An end-of-year 4 days residential at Charterhouse School (5-8 July 2027)

- Intensive practical Physics and subject development.
- Access to laboratory facilities and equipment.
- Time to work collaboratively with other teachers and develop your confidence.

Accommodation (if required) and meals are provided.

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What commitment is involved?

This is a sustained professional development programme, not a series of standalone CPD sessions. Participants must:

- Attend at least 4 of the A-Level Saturday sessions.
- Participate in online mentoring and engage with the WhatsApp support group.
- Attend at least two days of the end-of-year residential, taking place in the first week of July after the examinations. Overnight stays are optional.
- Participate in programme evaluation and review their progress and commitment at the end of the year.

How to Apply

Places are limited to a **maximum of 10 teachers**.

Complete our short application form by 14 December 2026. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, so early applications are encouraged. Applicants will be invited to an informal conversation with Steve Hearn to discuss their experience, aspirations and commitment. A reference from a member of their school's Senior Leadership Team will also be required. Interested? Apply now and take the next step towards becoming a confident and effective A-Level Physics teacher.

COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM HERE

Entry Criteria and Selection Process

Eligibility

Applicants must:

1. Be employed by a state-funded school in the South East of England.
2. Be either:
    - An early-career teacher who is new to teaching A-Level Physics; or
    - A non-specialist science teacher who is expecting, or would like, to start teaching A-Level Physics within the next two years.
3. Demonstrate enthusiasm for Physics and a genuine commitment to developing their subject knowledge and teaching skills.

The programme is not intended for experienced A-Level Physics teachers seeking additional CPD. Applicants do not need to hold a Physics degree or have a Physics teaching specialism.

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Programme Commitment

Successful applicants must agree to:

- Attend a minimum of 60% of the A-Level Saturday sessions.
- Participate in the online mentoring programme, including Zoom sessions.
- Engage with the programme's WhatsApp support group.
- Attend at least two days of the end-of-year residential at Charterhouse School, scheduled for the first week of July after the examinations. Overnight accommodation is optional.
- Participate in baseline and follow-up evaluation.
- Review their progress and commitment with the programme at the end of the year.

Selection Process

1. **Application**: Teachers complete an online application form, providing information about their experience, aspirations and availability.
2. **Conversation**: Steve Hearn contacts applicants to explore their interest, suitability and commitment.
3. **School endorsement**: Endorsement from a member of the applicant's Senior Leadership Team confirms the school's support for their participation and their opportunity or anticipated opportunity to teach A-Level Physics.
4. **Confirmation**: Physics Partners confirms successful applicants and programme expectations.

Places will be offered on a rolling basis, subject to suitability and availability.

Selection Considerations

Priority will be given to applicants who demonstrate:

- A genuine enthusiasm for Physics.
- Clear ambition to develop as an A-Level Physics teacher.
- An understanding of their own subject knowledge and development needs.
- Support from their school and a realistic opportunity to teach A-Level Physics (if not already).
- The capacity to engage consistently with the programme

Contact

For more information or to discuss before you apply, please email Physics Partners CEO, Sally Smith, on sally.smith@physicspartners.com.