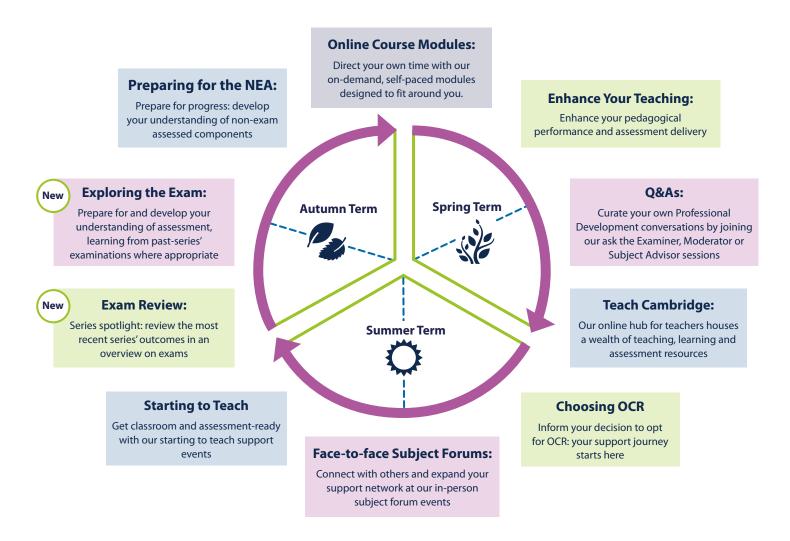




What do we offer?

Whether you're new to OCR, or you've been with us for a while, our Professional Development Programme has been designed to help you to get to know and get the most from our qualifications – so that you can deliver them effectively and with confidence. Our training events offer connected steps that run throughout the academic year, enabling you to build your own path to progress.



Our courses aim to support you with everything you need as a new starter, or, if you've been with us for a while, to support you with professional growth and making next steps. The course programme is intended to complement your own in-house Professional Development pathways and priorities, enabling you to prepare, reflect and enhance your expertise.

How and when do we offer Professional Development?

Prepare for Progress:

If you're thinking of switching to OCR, or you've recently joined us, our 'Choosing OCR' and 'Starting to Teach' courses will ensure you feel prepared to start strong and transition smoothly. Our 'Online Course Modules', 'Exploring the Exam' and 'Preparing for the NEA' courses will likewise develop understanding and support you in feeling classroom-ready.

Reflect and Review:

Our new 'Exam Review' and its follow up course, 'Exploring the Exam' are designed to support with understanding exam outcomes and performance, whilst also preparing you for future series. These events will help you to reflect upon and review your centre's performance in order to better inform and plan for improvements.

Enhance your Expertise:

All of our Professional Development courses are intended to empower you to feel more expert. Our 'Enhance your Teaching' events focus on specific themes, building your knowledge and generating new ideas. Our 'Q&A' sessions allow you to curate your own conversations with our experts, whilst our 'Online Course Modules', available via Teach Cambridge, enable you to direct your own learning, at your own pace.

We offer a combination of online and in-person Professional Development events, ranging from one hour to one day in length.

On-demand training:

Opportunities to strengthen your knowledge and skills in your own time and at your own pace. We provide online courses and recorded sessions on a number of different topics, as well as self-paced modules to support with understanding about marking and assessment.

In-house training:

We also welcome requests for in-house sessions, run at a more convenient time for you or on one of your Inset days. We can deliver one of our publicly available courses in your school, or across your MAT.

Live trainer-led sessions:

Our live events offer opportunities to engage with our trainers and your fellow teachers in either an online or face-to-face environment. Delivered in twilight, half-day, and full-day sessions, these will give you a full and deep understanding of the topics in question.

How to sign up

You can find details of all upcoming courses for your qualification on our teacher website <u>Teach Cambridge</u>. You'll be able to book on to training events and access online course modules for your subject, as well as view past events, recordings and training materials.

You can also view upcoming events on the OCR website.

Why attend an event?

Because it builds your confidence...

James Mash, Curriculum Leader of PE, Bradford Forster Academy:

"I feel very confident on both ensuring marking/moderating accurately and also using this to teach students effectively. "

Michelle O'Halloran, Head of Art, City of Birmingham School, tells us:

" I feel much more confident when I mark both components for Art and Design. "

And finally *H. Svenson-Taylor*, Teacher of Religious Studies, St George's School, Weybridge:

" Clearly very experienced course leaders providing a good opportunity for discussions and questions. "

By conveying our knowledge of the qualification, specification and marking criteria, our events help to build your confidence to deliver our assessments to your students.

All of our events are designed and delivered by our assessors and in-house subject experts and cover the most important topics and themes in depth; allowing you to be confident about them when back in the classroom.

...and understanding...

One teacher's reaction, after attending a recent A Level D&T training event:

"The best aspect of this event was being able to get to grips with the marking criteria and understanding the language of it. "

We know from our conversations with teachers that your assessment needs are constantly evolving and that understanding the specification is crucial. Our sessions are an efficient and effective way to get to grips with the mark schemes and its nuances, as well as the things that matter most to your students.

There is always plenty of time set aside for you to talk through specific issues that you might be experiencing. Giving you a deeper understanding and awareness of the way our qualifications are assessed and how that relates to marks schemes and the practicalities of delivery is a key objective at all of our sessions.

...so you can support your colleagues

" I went away with valuable information to feedback to school. "

lan Battarbee, Head of PE, West Hill School

Our sessions are designed and delivered by subject experts in such a way that you'll leave as experts, too. After each of our training events, you'll have have valuable insights, resources and ideas to feed back to your colleagues.

We want to hear from you

Is there something else you'd like us to be doing in terms of training and online support?

Please let us know.

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