

Leader Apprenticeships with NPQs

Nationwide delivery

Flexibly delivered around you

Funded by the Apprenticeship Levy



Programmes available:

- **School Leader Programme**
(Level 5 Apprenticeship with NPQSL)
- **Headteacher Programme**
(Level 7 Apprenticeship with NPQH)
- **Executive Leader Programme**
(Level 7 Apprenticeship with NPQEL)

Accredited NPQ provider

**“The Leader
Apprenticeships with
NPQs are a superb
way for teachers and
leaders to hone their
leadership skills”**



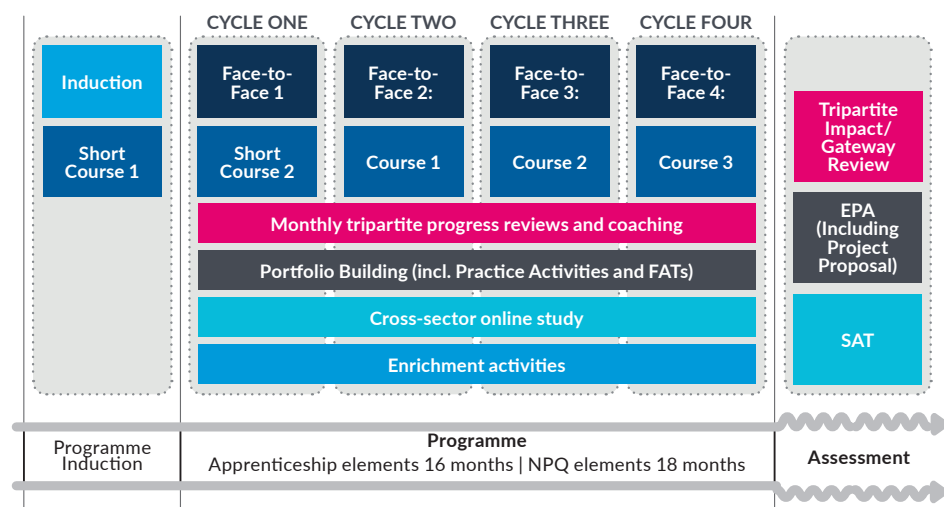
Laura Saunders,
Lead Facilitator

Leader Apprenticeships with NPQs from Best Practice Network

The Leader Apprenticeships with NPQs offer you the chance to gain a National Professional Qualification alongside a Level 5 or Level 7 apprenticeship standard.

Best Practice Network's unique approach to the Leader Apprenticeships with NPQs delivery means participants access individualised training based on areas they have identified as needing improvement. Our cyclical programme structure utilises **Face-to-Face training, online learning** and **1:1 coaching** to deliver a comprehensive learning experience that fits around busy teacher timetables.

Programme structure



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Funding

The Leader Apprenticeships with NPQs qualify for Apprenticeship Levy Funding

Accessing levy funding

Best Practice Network can support your school to access funding for the Leaders Programme.

If you are from a Levy paying school, funding will be drawn down directly using your Apprenticeship Service Account.

If you are a non-Levy paying school, the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) will fund 95% of the course fee through the 'co-investment' scheme.

Delivery locations

Delivery venues are largely provided through our national network of teaching school and multi-academy trust partners. Participants applying from one of our partner groups will be allocated to that group for the Face-to-Face events*.

In addition to partner groups, we also have a number of groups located according to the geography of the participants that register, helping minimise travel time for the majority of participants.

Apprenticeship Tutors will periodically travel to participants' schools for the monthly Performance Reviews.

* Subject to group viability

Off-the-job training

Off-the-job (OTJ) Training is an important part of all apprenticeship programmes, it is defined as learning which is undertaken outside of the normal day-to-day working environment within contracted hours, leading towards the achievement of an apprenticeship.

Apprenticeship Tutors will help the apprentice recognise what activities they can use to evidence the OTJ Training.

Examples of OTJ training include:

- Training events
- Inset days
- Coaching and mentoring
- Reflective learning
- Shadowing
- Networking and moderation events
- Project activity
- Research
- Interactive online learning
- Revision

Course intakes

There are two intakes per year, one beginning in autumn and one in spring. Please see our website for application deadlines and delivery schedules.

What are the benefits?



Train at no cost to you or your school

These programmes make use of the Apprenticeship Levy, giving participants the opportunity to gain an NPQ and leadership apprenticeship at no additional cost.



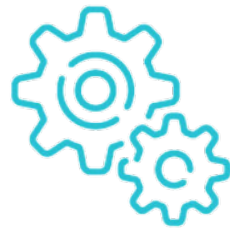
A wider view of leadership

Candidates apply cross-sector management and leadership practice to their school context providing greater challenge and a broader perspective on organisational improvement



Practice based learning

Candidates undertake school-based activities and are assessed on how they apply learning in their day-to-day role, helping develop and refine organisational management and leadership skills.



Cross-sector experience

Candidates access cutting-edge theory, resources and delivery from thought leaders and leading practitioners from all sectors of the economy.



Access to extra 1:1 coaching

Throughout the course you will have access to 1:1 coaching and have an experienced tutor to guide you throughout both the apprenticeship and the NPQ.



Access to extra content

Candidates have access to extra high-quality content, including FranklinCovey resources, to help candidates throughout their studies.

Face-to-Face Events

The NPQ element of the programme offers participants the opportunity to attend Face-to-Face events.

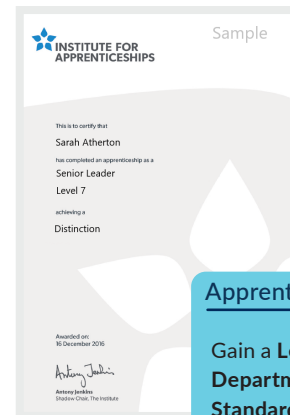
Participants train alongside a diverse group of fellow educators with lots of different perspectives. It's a great opportunity to learn from each other's experiences and be able to bounce ideas off each other during group sessions and collaborative practical tasks.



One Programme, Two Certificates

The Leader Apprenticeships with NPQs give participants the opportunity to gain a National Professional Qualification alongside an apprentice standard. By combining these, we have created programmes which allow participants to complete two qualifications concurrently.

The Department for Education's flagship NPQs are professional development courses designed for teachers and leaders to enhance their skills, advance their careers and improve school outcomes. Meanwhile, the apprenticeship standard provides participants with comprehensive cross-sector knowledge in management and leadership practices.



Apprenticeship Standard

Gain a **Level 5 Operations/ Departmental Manager Standard** or a **Level 7 Senior Leaders Standard**



NPQ

Gain the **NPQ for Senior Leadership, NPQ for Headship** or **NPQ for Executive Leadership**



“Lots of information and great discussion with other people aided my learning and helped me review my own leadership.”

School Leader Programme Level 5 Apprenticeship with NPQSL

The School Leaders Programme is a dual award which has mapped the DfE’s NPQ for Senior Leadership (NPQSL) to the Level 5 Operations/Departmental Manager Standard.

Who is it for?

The School Leader Programme is for teachers and leaders who are, or want to be, senior leaders with cross-school responsibilities.

Qualification elements

ODM elements

INDUCTION STAGE

Induction	2 hours
First Day of Learning Webinars	2 hours

DEVELOPMENT STAGE

Monthly Progress Review Meetings	18 hours
Apprenticeship Topics	12 hours
Additional 1:1 Support (Optional)	10 hours
Franklin Covey Webinars (Optional)	7 hours
Portfolio Building	8 hours

ASSESSMENT STAGE

Project Proposal	6 hours
Total Essential Learning Hours	42

NPQSL elements

INDUCTION STAGE

Induction (incl. Initial needs analysis: 1 hour)	2 hours
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DEVELOPMENT STAGE

Face-to-Face events	24 hours
Online course study	38 hours
Formative assessment tasks	20 hours
Leadership performance coaching	6 hours

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT STAGE

Case study scenario	Max. 1500 words
Total Guided Learning Hours	90

Benefits

- ✓ Gain the specialist expertise needed to tackle school improvement priorities
- ✓ Support the development of a positive, predictable and safe environment for pupils
- ✓ Contribute to your school’s strategic direction and whole school activities
- ✓ Learn about operational and strategic leadership and management at a whole school level
- ✓ Attend 4 Face-to-Face events and collaborate with peers
- ✓ Gain a Level 5 Apprenticeship and the NPQSL award

Entry requirements

- QTS and/or QTLS and/or a Level 5 (or higher) qualification in any subject
- Either 2 full years experience of teaching following achieving QTS/QLTS or 2 full years experience in current role following completion of Level 5 (or equivalent)

AT A GLANCE



Face-to-Face events
4



This Course Awards
60 Master’s Credits



Course Duration
18 months



Intakes
Start in Spring or Autumn

COST

~~£7000~~

£0 with Apprenticeship
Levy Funding

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learn more
and apply.



Learn more and apply at bestpracticenet.co.uk/school-leader-programme-with-npqsl
For more information call 0117 920 9428 or email npq@bestpracticenet.co.uk



“I am very grateful to my Course Tutor for their advice, support and listening ear over the time of the course.”

Headteacher Programme Level 7 Apprenticeship with NPQH

The Headteacher Programme is a dual award which has mapped the DfE’s NPQ for Headship (NPQH) to the Level 7 Senior Leaders Standard.

Who is it for?

The Headteacher Programme is for aspiring or recently appointed headteachers looking to develop and apply the knowledge that underpins expert school leadership.

Qualification elements

SLA elements

INDUCTION STAGE

Induction	2 hours
First Day of Learning Webinars	2 hours

DEVELOPMENT STAGE

Monthly Progress Review Meetings	18 hours
Apprenticeship Topics	12 hours
Additional 1:1 Support (Optional)	10 hours
Franklin Covey Webinars (Optional)	7 hours
Portfolio Building	8 hours

ASSESSMENT STAGE

Business Proposal	6 hours
Total Essential Learning Hours	42

NPQH elements

INDUCTION STAGE

Induction (incl. Initial needs analysis: 1 hour)	2 hours
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DEVELOPMENT STAGE

Face-to-Face events	30 hours
Online course study	38 hours
Formative assessment tasks	20 hours
Leadership performance coaching	6 hours

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT STAGE

Case study scenario	Max. 1500 words
Total Guided Learning Hours	104

Benefits

- Gain access to extended leadership training that goes beyond the standard NPQH curriculum
- Learn what effective headteachers need to know
- Lead the strategic direction of your school
- Support the development of a positive and safe environment for pupils
- Gain a Level 7 Apprenticeship and the NPQH award
- Ensure staff feel supported and valued
- Attend 5 Face-to-Face events and collaborate with other headteachers and aspiring headteachers

Entry requirements

Applicants must have

- QTS and/or QTLS and/or a Level 5 (or higher) qualification in any subject
- Experience as a current headteacher, deputy headteacher, vice principal or equivalent role and about 18 months away from applying for Headship (if not already in post)

AT A GLANCE

- Face-to-Face events
5
- This Course Awards
100 Master’s Credits
- Course Duration
18 months
- Intakes
Start in Spring or Autumn

COST

~~£14,000~~

£0 with Apprenticeship
Levy Funding

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"The course has enabled me to link with leaders in a variety of organisations. These connections allow me to learn about potential next steps for my school."

Executive Leader Programme Level 7 Apprenticeship with NPQEL

The Executive Leader Programme is a dual award which has mapped the DfE's NPQ for Executive Leadership (NPQEL) to the Level 7 Senior Leaders Standard.

Who is it for?

The Executive Leader Programme is for aspiring or recently appointed executive leaders wishing to lead change and improvement across a group of schools.

Qualification elements

SLA elements

INDUCTION STAGE	
Induction	2 hours
First Day of Learning Webinars	2 hours
DEVELOPMENT STAGE	
Monthly Progress Review Meetings	18 hours
Apprenticeship Topics	12 hours
Additional 1:1 Support (Optional)	10 hours
Franklin Covey Webinars (Optional)	7 hours
Portfolio Building	8 hours
ASSESSMENT STAGE	
Business Proposal	6 hours
Total Essential Learning Hours	42

NPQEL elements

INDUCTION STAGE	
Induction (incl. Initial needs analysis: 1 hour)	2 hours
DEVELOPMENT STAGE	
Face-to-Face events	36 hours
Online course study	38 hours
Formative assessment tasks	34 hours
Leadership performance coaching	6 hours
SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT STAGE	
Case study scenario	Max. 1500 words
Total Guided Learning Hours	116

Benefits

- Join 1:1 coaching sessions
- Receive advice from experts and tailored feedback on your performance
- Lead the strategic direction of multiple schools
- Learn what effective executive leaders need to know
- Set and deliver an ambitious vision across a group of schools
- Gain a Level 7 Apprenticeship and the NPQEL award
- Attend 6 Face-to-Face events and grow your network of headteachers and executive leaders

Entry requirements

Applicants must have

- QTS and/or QTLS and/or a Level 5 (or higher) qualification in any subject
- Experience as a current serving headteacher (or equivalent role) with a minimum of 3 years experience

AT A GLANCE

- Face-to-Face events
6
- This Course Awards
100 Master's Credits
- Course Duration
18 months
- Intakes
Start in Spring or Autumn

COST

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Apply for an NPQ

You can apply for any of our Leader Apprenticeships with NPQs directly through our website, but we suggest you take the following steps before applying:

STEP 1

Speak to your headteacher or line manager about getting support to complete a Leader Apprenticeship with NPQ

STEP 2

Visit bestpracticenet.co.uk/npq-leader

We have in-depth programme guides, case studies and webinar recordings which will give you a good understanding of the requirements of each programme

STEP 3

Talk to us! We can be contacted through the **live chat** on our website or by **phone** or **email** and we will be delighted to answer any questions you might have.

STEP 4

Apply directly through our website. Our Leader Apprenticeships with NPQs team is on-hand and **ready to assist**.

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