



OUTSTANDING TEACHING ASSISTANT PROGRAMME

The Outstanding Teaching Assistant Programme is for teaching assistants who are, or who have the potential to be, outstanding in their roles. It is intended to develop the potential for Teaching Assistants to have a wider impact on improving the quality of teaching and learning across the school. The course is suitable for both Primary and Secondary Teaching Assistants. Designed and facilitated by experienced school leaders and teachers the OTAP forms part of the OLEVI Teaching & Learning Syllabus which has gained a national reputation for raising standards in teaching and learning.

OBJECTIVES

OTAP enables teaching assistants to:

- place a greater emphasis on the purpose and value of the lessons they support
- raise levels of engagement and achievement in learning
- use different methods and styles of support to challenge learners
- innovate and take risks
- have a bigger impact on the planning and assessment for the learners they support
- demonstrate a higher level understanding of teaching and learning
- be able to coach colleagues to raise performance

CONTENT

This Programme:

- supports a wide range of teaching activities including questioning, challenge, engagement, listening that impacts on learning;
- provides opportunities to further understand the complexity of high quality classroom practice;
- ensures that there is a comprehensive and structured approach to learning activities;
- forms part of the staff development activity aimed at developing provision even further;
- allows Teaching Assistants the opportunity to develop their planning and presentation skills.

COMMITMENT

- The programme consists of five half day facilitated sessions. It would be helpful if Teaching Assistants were released in groups of two or three to promote development activities.
- The work of these Teaching Assistants is supported by the work of a project manager who assists with development back in the home school. This is an important coaching role that is pivotal to the success of the participants.

ELIGIBILITY

- This programme is open to all Teaching Assistants who want to improve their work with the pupils/students and want to develop the ability to ensure that 'lessons' are consistently supporting 'outstanding' learning.

