

Mathematics Development Programme for Teachers (MDPT) and Science Additional Specialism Programme - physics or chemistry (SASP)

From summer 2009, the Training and Development Agency for Schools (TDA) will be launching two national CPD programmes to support Government targets to increase the number of specialist teachers of mathematics, physics and chemistry.

The Mathematics Development Programme for Teachers (MDPT) and Science Additional Specialism Programme - physics or chemistry (SASP), will enable teachers without a first degree or secondary ITT specialism in mathematics, physics or chemistry to teach the subject more effectively.

Courses are designed to develop participants' subject and pedagogical knowledge and support them in teaching mathematics, physics or chemistry to learners aged 11-19 with more confidence, expertise and enthusiasm.

The course structure and length will be flexible to reflect the needs of individual participants. It will comprise a mix of tuition and in-school development and run for up to 40 days, spread over an intensive summer start and the following academic year. Courses will offer academic accreditation at H-level, with the option of taking some M-level credits.

The course is free for participants and the TDA will fund supply cover for participating schools. Teachers meeting eligibility criteria (including the achievement of 40 credits at H level) will receive a £5,000 incentive on completion of their course.

The MDPT and SASP courses were developed by the Training and Development Agency for Schools (TDA) in close consultation with the maths and science communities. They have been piloted successfully in three regions over the last two years and are available across England from summer 2009.

To be eligible for the maths and science course, applicants must:

- be teaching in a maintained secondary school, special school or academy
- be teaching mathematics or physics/chemistry to learners aged 11-19 in schools
- have qualified teacher status (QTS),
- have completed their induction period

Participants must not:

- be graduates of mathematics
- have an ITT specialism in mathematics

Participants should ideally have at least one year's experience of teaching mathematics, physics or chemistry (as appropriate) for some of their timetable.

For further details on the MDPT, including a list of providers, visit:
<http://www.tda.gov.uk/mathscpdcourse>

For further details on the SASP, including a list of providers, visit:
<http://www.tda.gov.uk/sciencecpdcourse>