

VTE&S TRANSFORMS SURREY TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROVISION

VT Education and Skills (VTE&S) has launched CPD Online; an online facility that will effectively transform the provision of continuing professional learning and development to the school workforce across Surrey. Delivered at no cost to schools, the website delivers a faster and more effective way to support and manage CPD requirements within the county.

CPD Online delivers 24/7 access to the VTE&S training and development opportunities available to Surrey teachers and individual practitioners, whether they are seeking information or to book a course. The website will complement the range of services already offered by VTE&S, who provide expert consultancy and support to local authorities nationally on the appointment and continuing development of school staff.

Providing many valuable features, CPD Online offers both a personal up-to-date CPD record for individuals and a whole school picture, as well as the opportunity to evaluate the quality and impact of professional development across Surrey and within individual schools.

Greater efficiencies can be achieved with the online facility, substantially reducing the amount of paperwork and staff time associated with manual systems, whilst ensuring only authorised budget holders approve any training requested.

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Said Marcus Watson, VT's Managing Director for Education: "Our focus is on continually improving the way in which local authorities manage and develop their school staff. CPD Online is just one of the services we provide; it has a proven track record of increasing CPD take-up as well as saving time and resources. This certainly looks to be the case in Surrey if early indications are anything to go by - 700 course bookings have been made in the first week."

All Surrey schools have received an information pack on using CPD Online. For more information, please contact Tim Willoughby on 01372 834008 or go to <http://www.vtfours.co.uk/latestnews.cfm/newsid/169>.

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