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Celebrating an Avanti Schools Trust Milestone

"If we create a culture where every teacher believes they need to improve, not because they are not good enough, but because they can be even better, there's no limit to what we can achieve" Dylan Wiliam London University.

On Friday 12th November, The Avanti Institute of Professional Learning celebrated its first milestone with the great success of the 'All Staff' virtual INSET day 2021. We were fortunate to have the inspirational Richard Gerver as keynote speaker who didn't disappoint. His focus on human potential gave us a unique insight into our development, from infants to adults, and helped us to understand the nature of our personal and professional responses to risk, change, creativity and development. Colleagues described his introductory keynote as "highly thought-provoking and motivating". What a start to the day!

Then, via the all-new Avanti Institute Website, Teaching and Teaching support staff were able to register and access 12 webinars spanning a wide selection of educational themes, all from the comfort of their own homes. We were extremely privileged to have such a wide choice of highly regarded and experienced speakers including Mark Finnis, Tom Bennett, Daisy Christodoulou, Alex Bedford, Abigail Hawkins and Aimee Durning and more.

"I have worked at many schools and attended many INSET days but today was one of the most insightful and engaging ones that I have had a pleasure to be part of. I feel as though the sessions will be so useful and impactful to my planning and teaching!"

We say, we do....

We were privileged to have such an impressive line-up of passionate educators, experts and authors who are really leading the way in current educational theories and reforms.

Alongside this, we were able to offer our Non-teaching Avanti staff a whole day's unlimited access to the prestigious National College Professional Development website where they could select from over 400 informative webinars linked to all aspects of their varied and crucial roles at Avanti.

It was great to have the time to reflect on pedagogy and practice and hear from such a wonderful array of speakers.

Never stop learning

Our Education Director Mike Ion states: As well as focusing on students we should seek to help instil, encourage and develop the growth mindset of teachers in relation to their own professional development. No teacher is the finished article, all can improve, especially when they believe that they can improve. [\(TES: Here's what we need to change 2021\)](#)

"Expertly organised and extremely useful and engaging. I especially admired that everyone was free to choose their sessions and engage as much as they felt comfortable to. The guests were very well informed and so helpful with the questions asked."

This really is the start of something exciting for all Avanti Staff. If we want the best education for our children, we need to provide the best professional development opportunities for all staff.



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Thank you all for
your participation
and enthusiasm

"All the presenters were engaging and highly knowledgeable. I left the sessions feeling inspired and ready to transfers skills/knowledge learnt to my current role."

And we won't stop here. At The Avanti Institute, we believe that teachers constantly learn, develop and improve in order to ensure that our pupils receive the best possible education. We also believe that although we can be inspired by one off sessions of excellence, truly effective CPD is revisited, discussed frequently, weaved in across the year and built upon. We hope to revisit some of the work of our visiting speakers across the year as a Trust.



"As a Teaching Assistant I listen to children read and support children with high needs. I feel inspired that we did the training as a group and hope that this will help us to have renewed ideas in working forward with the children."

Thank you to all Avanti Schools Trust staff for your support. We value your feedback every step of the way. All staff should have access to powerful professional development that helps them to thrive and our students to succeed.

"Positive, uplifting - how great it is to be part of a wider team with a common goal. Today, for me personally it re-enforced the core principles and why we are here - to be the best version of ourselves and in turn to bring out the best version of our students in the best way possible way."

The provision of high-quality professional development is vital and should be seen as a key driver not only of staff development but also of recruitment, retention and wellbeing (DfE, 2016).

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