

## The Big 6

The PPTA presents **four** strands of commitment incorporating ‘the Big 6’ as designated by the Department of Education. If you have any query please contact Mrs Flint [[Dominique.flint@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Dominique.flint@northumberland.gov.uk) ], School Manager, Ponteland Middle, 01661 824853.

1. **ITT/SD: Initial Teacher Training/Schools Direct.** Ponteland Middle School, as a teaching school is a registered appropriate body able to register NQTs and offer statutory training, and bespoke training. The Lead Practitioner for ITT/SD is Mrs Brett. The Ponteland Partnership Teaching Alliance [PPTA] is closely linked to Northumbria University regarding Schools Direct. Ponteland First School is the hub school for Ponteland Partnership arranging Primary SD; Ponteland Middle supports secondary SD. The PPTA is also closely linked to Newcastle University regarding Primary PGCE and has hosted Science PGCE students from Durham University and MFL PGCE students from Sheffield Hallam University and John Moore University Leeds. The strategic schools have additional arrangements with universities.
2. **R&D: Research and Development.** The PPTA is pleased to support a full range of R&D whether universities, institutions, foundations, individual projects, a cluster of schools or group of teachers. Recently, we have supported research in early years education, career aspiration, handwriting, higher order questioning, mental toughness, life beyond levels, SEN specialist programmes and P4C.
3. **StSS: School to School Support.** This vital role for teaching schools is valuable for the provider and recipient in the form of specific CPD. This can range from SIP support, new headteacher support, leadership and management, performance management, developing middle leaders, curriculum support, data analysis, differentiated planning, assessment, AfL and AoL, behaviour management, classroom management, SEND, SEN local offer, effective use of teaching assistants, effective interventions, NQT, ITT/SD support, bursar support, HR support, procedures, policies and even research in to new products to save time leaving schools the time to focus on our passion ...teaching and learning.
4. **SLE/LP; CPD; and SPTM: Specialist Leaders in Education/Lead Practitioners; Continual Professional Development; and Succession Planning and Talent Management.** The PPTA offers both Specialist Leaders in Education and Lead Practitioners who are ready and keen to share best practice to support schools with any aspect of teaching and learning in most subjects and areas of the curriculum and provision. We are committed to developing the teaching profession to identify talent; manage this to the reveal the highest potential for the staff; and provide a wealth of talent prepared to take roles of responsibility as opportunities arise. This happens through effective CPD, training, communication, coaching and the sharing of best practice. At Ponteland Middle we have three LPs: Mrs Danielle Brett, ITT/SD; Mrs Sue Calvert, CPD, HoY8 and Head of Maths; and Mrs Elizabeth Blackburn, SENCo leading a team of nine specialist TA/HLTAs. Throughout the PPTA we utilise the wide variety of strengths of our strategic partners - the list can be found on a previous page.