### Aldar Training Academy

### MEET THE ATA TEAM

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### Welcome to our newsletter!

The ATA newsletter will be distributed monthly and will highlight upcoming events, training and network meetings taking place.





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## **February Highlights**

February has been a busy month for the ATA team! The team have been conducting SIR (School Inspection Readiness) visits across several Aldar Education schools as well as delivering CPD on 'Differentiation', 'Depth of Rigor', 'How to Write Self-Assessment and Development Planning', and 'Becoming a Trainer'.

We have had the opportunity to visit several charter schools to offer in-school support and the EYFS/KG and CPD network meetings have been a great way to collaborate and connect with schools across the group. We have thoroughly enjoyed quality assuring some of the 'Becoming a Trainer' submissions from several talented educators from across the group and encourage anyone who is interested in becoming an ACTVET certified trainer to sign-up to the upcoming training dates in **March**.

### SELF-ASSESSMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING **WORKSHOP**



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# PD Spotlight-February

### **DIFFERENTIATION WORKSHOP**

The 'Differentiation' course is one of the most requested training workshops of the ATA course catalogue. The workshop is regularly reviewed, developed and updated in line with the latest research, as well as adding technical applications that help teachers to create various classroom activities that take into account the individual needs of students.

#### **ABOUT THE COURSE:**

Differentiation is a strand that runs from the start to the end of a lesson and can be incorporated in both subtle and discrete ways.

This course unpacks how opportunities for differentiation can be provided through content, process, product, and the learning environment through careful consideration of the learning objective, success criteria, teaching methods such as scaffolds and prompts, tiered questions, tiered activities, and targeted feedback that links to the learning objective and success criteria.

Participants were encouraged to reflect on these elements within a lesson and worked collaboratively in groups to align this to an unseen lesson objective as part of an implementation task.

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The workshop was very well organized and provided a lot of useful information with a chance to discuss and collaborate with others.

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The workshop was helpful and informative. It helped me think about different ways I can differentiate within the classroom.

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### **INTERNSHIP TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMME**

The 'Internship Teacher Training' programme has now come to an end. A total of 48 trainees have passed the programme with over 75% receiving a 100% pass rate based on their school-based practicum, portfolio of evidence against the UAE teacher standards and assignment submissions. Interviews are already underway to recruit trainees for positions across the Aldar Education group.

This programme was a great opportunity for me to identify and reflect on the challenges that I face as a junior educator; I mentioned this in the SWOC assignment task. I became more confident in managing these challenges and the practical experience helped me to apply my skills and knowledge within the classroom I was assigned to.

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The programme was very thorough, and I feel I have been prepared and supported by professional and experienced educators. I learned a lot and was trained to deal with all students of different ages, levels and needs.

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I understand that the important thing is to deliver information to our students in a correct, well-planned manner, and to strive towards their progress and scientific, personal and social development.

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We are exceptionally proud of what has been achieved as part of the ITT Programme pilot. We were overwhelmed by the talent and professionalism demonstrated by our first cohort of trainees as well as the school-based mentors who really went above and beyond to support the future educators of the UAE.

We are so proud to be offering this programme as part of the Emiratisation initiative of the UAE.

-Maria Sharples, Academic Director ATA

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## Aldar Leadership Academy

The 'Leadership Academy' is well-underway with leaders at all levels engaging with the Tier 1, 2 and 4 programmes on offer to all Aldar educators across the group. A summary of this can be found below:

### MIDDLE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

The Middle leadership, Tier 4 programme has started with 'vision and values' and 'understanding self'. Participants were highly engaged and had the opportunity to interact and collaborate with fellow leaders from across the Aldar network. The second module on 'leadership development' and 'how to build strong teams' took place at the end of February.



Participant feedback was incredibly positive with an overall **5-star rating**!

### NPQH & NPQSL FACE-TO-FACE EVENTS

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The Tier 1 and 2 NPQH and NPQSL pathways are well underway with our ATA partner, 'Best Practice Network'. The second face-to-face sessions took place in February for the NPQH participants who, had the opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue and discussions on leading culture and ethos within a school. The second face-to-face event for the NPQSL will take place in early March.



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### ATA CPD Calendar

### MARCH 2022

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	NPQSL
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Arabic Writing Workshop
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	BAT TRAINING (Part 1 - HQ & School Team)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	BAT TRAINING (Part 1 - Arabic)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	BAT TRAINING (Part 2 – HQ & School Team)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	BAT TRAINING (Part 2 - Arabic)
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	How to Show Progress During a Lesson Workshop- for MOE HODs
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	ML Programme: Effective School Evaluation

### A GLANCE AHEAD

#### Oracy Programme

Differentiation Workshop / ADEK

Critical Thinking Workshop / ADEK

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ML Programme: Understanding the UAE Framework & Developing and Designing Curricular

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## **ATA WEBSITE & SOCIALS**

### ATA WEBSITE

**EXCITING NEWS**! The WWW.ATA.AE website is now LIVE. Why not head over to check out some of the course offerings we have available at ATA? Did you know that we offer courses in both Arabic and English?

Click on the Image to read **"How to** Sign-up Guide".



### ATA SOCIAL MEDIA

To keep up with what is going on at ATA, follow and support us through our social media channels mentioned below



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