

Launching the London Region KS3 RISE Alliance

Inspiring Innovation. Driving Improvement. Transforming Outcomes.

We're delighted to announce the launch of the **London Region KS3 RISE Alliance**, an exciting new opportunity for schools to collaborate, innovate and contribute to improving outcomes for young people across London.

The **Regional Improvement for Standards and Excellence (RISE)** programme brings together partners from across the education sector to drive improvement through the four National Priorities.

Why KS3?

Key Stage 3 represents a crucial stage in a young person's educational journey. The London Region KS3 RISE Alliance will focus on one of the key national priorities—**Attainment in English and Maths**—with a strong emphasis on foundational literacy and tackling the disadvantage gap.

Through collaborative school-based research and shared learning, participating schools will help identify, test and showcase effective approaches that can make a lasting difference for pupils across the region.

Areas of Innovation

Schools will have the opportunity to explore and develop projects in areas such as:

- Integrated literacy within Quality First Teaching
- Diagnostic assessment and phonics interventions at KS3
- High-impact literacy interventions
- Effective KS2–KS3 transition strategies
- Boys' reading and engagement

These projects will contribute to a growing evidence base of effective practice for KS3 education across London.

Join Us for the Launch Event



Monday 28 September 2026



William Perkin CofE High School, Greenford, UB6 8PR.

We're bringing together education leaders, practitioners and researchers for an inspiring morning of learning and collaboration.

We're delighted to welcome a distinguished line-up of speakers, including:

- **Mary Myatt** – educational author and speaker, known for KS3 *The Ambitious Years*
- **Vanessa Ogden – Regional Director for London**
- Representatives from the **London Steering group including Teaching School Hub and Research School leads.**

The event will provide an opportunity to:

- Explore the vision for the KS3 RISE Alliance
- Hear from leading voices in education
- Network with colleagues from across the region
- Learn how your school can become involved in shaping the future of KS3 improvement. An opportunity to share existing projects in workshops on our areas of innovation aimed at helping you identify a potential brief research project to run in your school.

Be Part of the Movement

Schools taking part will:

- Access leading educational expertise
- Collaborate with schools across London
- Develop and test innovative approaches
- Showcase impactful practice
- Influence future KS3 improvement across the region.

The launch event is **free to attend** and will be followed by a conference on **2 November 2026** for schools wishing to lead a research project within the programme. Research projects will run from November 2026 and will be evaluated for their impact, sustainability and scalability, with successful projects potentially progressing into Year 2 of the programme.

Register Your Interest

If you are interested in leading or contributing to a project, we encourage you to register via the [Microsoft Form](#) and join us for this exciting launch.

Together, let's shape the future of KS3 education across London and ensure every young person has the opportunity to thrive.

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