



National Professional Qualification for

# Senior Leadership

## **Become an expert in leadership**

- > Evidence-based leadership training
- > Flexible learning to suit your timetable
- > Create a common knowledge base
- > Improve teaching and pupil performance

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# Be an inspirational leader

**Are you a senior leader or aspiring senior leader ready to take the next step in your career?** This programme uses evidence-based learning to help you develop your leadership knowledge and put it into practice in your own school setting.

## Benefits for senior leaders and aspiring senior leaders

- > **Train to your timetable**  
Learn at a time and pace that suits you. This programme is designed to fit around your busy job role and is delivered in bite-sized chunks.
- > **Build your confidence**  
Get the support you need to take the next step in your leadership career.
- > **Access the latest research**  
Benefit from the latest evidence-based learning on great teaching and leadership.
- > **Enact positive change**  
Discover how to tackle issues and challenges specific to your school context and put those findings into practice.
- > **Benefit from peer-to-peer support**  
Learn from a network of like-minded peers and share insight with colleagues in your own school setting.

## Benefits for schools

- > **Support your leaders**  
Senior leaders will be given the tools to drill down into specific areas of leadership to improve their skills and action positive change.
- > **Learning backed by evidence**  
Participants will be introduced to evidence-informed practices straightaway. This can help them develop strategies to improve teaching and pupil performance at your school.
- > **Create a common knowledge base**  
Our NPQs are all aligned, so you can have confidence that educators will share a common language and framework to develop your school or trust.
- > **Make a leadership pipeline**  
The programme will help to identify future leaders and create a positive culture where teachers can develop and thrive.
- > **Help pupils thrive**  
Research shows that high-quality continuous professional development can improve pupil outcomes almost as effectively as having a teacher with 10 years' experience in the classroom.

## About Exceed Teaching School Hub

Exceed Teaching School Hub's vision recognises that teacher and leader development are two of the most important forms of school improvement. Our partnership with Ambition Institute helps us deliver coherent, high-quality professional development from early career to executive leadership.

## What does the training include?

This programme follows the Department for Education's new and reformed [NPQ Senior Leadership Framework](#).

## You will learn how to

- > Set clear goals and communicate shared values that improve the culture in your classrooms and school.
- > Establish a safe and positive environment for pupils.
- > Support colleagues to meet individual needs and make sure all pupils have access to a rich curriculum.
- > Make and act on evidence-informed decisions.
- > Work well with parents, carers, other schools and the wider community.

## How is the training delivered?

The content is delivered through a blended learning model. It includes a mix of face-to-face conferences, real-time, interactive online sessions and self-guided modules. You will be supported to apply what you learn to your own school context.

Note: programme content is subject to change.

## How much does the training cost?

Department for Education-funded scholarships are available for state funded-schools and settings in England. Contact us to find out if you're eligible eligible.

If your setting isn't eligible, the NPQ for Senior Leadership costs £1,139 plus VAT.

You can find your local delivery partner and their contact details on this [map](#).

**"The NPQSL has been inspirational and I have learnt so much. I feel more confident and have developed my knowledge, skills and understanding in all of the areas that have been covered as part of this course."**

**NPQSL participant**



92% of teachers and school leaders would recommend their Ambition NPQ to a colleague  
(Ambition Institute participant survey, May 2025, 11,110 respondents)

## About Exceed Teaching School Hub

Exceed Teaching School Hub's core functions are to support schools and trusts to invest in their workforce to grow, recruit, develop and retain the very best teachers, support staff and leaders.

## About Ambition Institute

A great teacher changes the future every day. They can be the critical factor in a child's success, especially for those who have had a tough start in life. At Ambition Institute, we support teachers and school leaders at every stage of their careers, helping them to keep getting better.




We are a charity providing training and professional development based on the most rigorous research and evidence about what really works. Together, we're shaping the future of education to give every child the best start in life.

"Since starting the course, I have been successful in securing a senior leadership role in a different school. I am using the resources and knowledge gained on the course in my everyday role to support colleagues and drive improvement at the school."

**NPQSL participant**

## Learn more

Get in touch today to find out how to apply for our NPQ for Senior Leadership programme.

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