

NPQ in Headship (NPQH)

Who is it for?

School leaders who are, or are aspiring to be, a headteacher or head of school with responsibility for leading a school.

How will I benefit?

- ✓ Develop as a leader with whole-school responsibility.
- ✓ Access content across a breadth of areas.
- ✓ Be supported to effectively implement change and improvement in an area you identify as a school priority.

What will I learn?

You'll develop expertise in the knowledge, skills and concepts for areas of whole-school responsibility related to your role as an aspiring or current headteacher.

Modules include:

- School/trust culture
- Implementation

- Governance and accountability
- Organisational management
- Behaviour
- Teaching
- Curriculum and assessment
- Additional special education needs and disabilities
- Professional development
- Working in partnership

“I applied and secured a deputy headship position at my current school. The support of the NPQH strengthened my knowledge and supported my confidence in developing my leadership practice.”

NPQH programme member, 2025

Programme breakdown

Over **18 months** you'll take part in the following learning activities before completing your summative assessment:

LEARNING ACTIVITY	TOTAL HOURS
Introduction module	1
Introduction call	0.5
Online learning modules	40
Seminars	11.5
Implementation planning (level-appropriate focus)	5
Conference 1	6
Trust/school or setting visits	7
Conference 2	6
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Summative assessment: written case study	Fixed 8-day window at the end of the programme

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Asynchronous

Synchronous