



S7 Leadership Programme Course Outline 2024

Day One (8th February 2024): High-Level Strategic Thinking

This initial module will set much of the groundwork for the course as a whole: it will ask you to reflect on where you are currently as an individual and as a leader and will ask you to begin to engage with ideas on Leadership. You will have the opportunity to discuss and understand the process for developing a vision and also to engage with real-life strategies for managing the day to day roles of leadership. This will include the management of your time and getting the most out of your day and your team. At the end of this first day you will meet your programme mentor for the first time and have an opportunity to discuss your current situation and development goals.

Day One: Evening

A social dinner and chance to relax with the S7 Director, leaders of the course and the programme mentors who will be guiding you through your project work as well as an opportunity to get to know the other programme delegates and leaders better.

Day Two (9th February 2024): Teams and Projects

The morning begins with an activity, which also allows you workshop time with your programme mentor to establish some ideas for your project, as well as getting you thinking independently. The morning session will also focus on the work and dynamics of teams and how to get the most from them. The afternoon will involve work on emotional Intelligence and managing difficult people and conversations.

Day Three (19th March 2024): Quality

The emphasis for the morning of this third day will be on the implications of the new OFSTED framework for your area, which will be linked with the next session of Leading Quality Improvement. The afternoon will focus on planning for successful meetings and management roles within colleges in S7, their structural similarities and differences and the reasons that underpin these arrangements.

Day Four (24th April 2024): Applying what you have learnt so far

The morning will be spent exploring the management of your staff and the encouragement of discretionary effort. During the early afternoon you will be able to practise your presentation skills as if presenting to your Governing Body and you will also have another opportunity to work with your mentor, analysing and discussing your project progress to this point.

Between days Four and Five

You will have your final meeting with your mentor in your own college.

Day Five (18th June 2024): Leadership in Context

For the morning session of this final day you will be joined by senior staff from the S7 Colleges in time for the showcase of projects that will take place. Presentations from each of the course delegates will form the basis of this session. You will then have the opportunity to ask any questions you wish of a panel of our Sixth Form College Principals.

The final afternoon provides a wider perspective of Sixth Form Colleges before you receive your certificates upon completion of the course.

