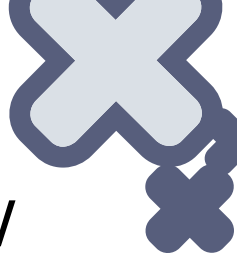




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# Newsletter for TAs and HLTAs

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Welcome to the first issue of a new termly newsletter, brought to you by Teachers TV via your Local Authority.

Teachers TV is a free service available online and on TV for everyone involved in education. It provides practical support to TAs and HLTAs with all aspects of teaching and learning. For a good start to the academic year, you can find programmes on behaviour, SEN, inclusion and Assessment for Learning.

We'd love to know what you think of this newsletter - please send us an email with your thoughts to [newsletter@teachers.tv](mailto:newsletter@teachers.tv).



## HELPFUL HUBS

We've got two areas of our website that are specifically for you - our TA and HLTA 'Hubs':

For TAs, go to [www.teachers.tv/ta](http://www.teachers.tv/ta)

For HLTAs, go to [www.teachers.tv/hlta](http://www.teachers.tv/hlta)

The specialist hubs open up an opportunity to improve your own professional development. Offering a host of downloadable resources and useful videos, they are a great place to go for quick, easy and free advice for all your classroom needs.



## Get to grips with behaviour management this term

The start of term can be hectic enough without worrying about the behaviour of new pupils you have to work with.

At Teachers TV we have put together a few pointers and tips which should help you with behaviour management at the start of the term and for the year ahead.

### Setting out ground rules

When working with a new group of pupils, the first thing you should do is to set out your expectations of them and their behaviour. A good way is to get them to suggest how they would like the group to behave and to write these suggestions down as a list to put on the wall, or in the back of their books. That way they are all part of the decision process and are taking responsibility for their own behaviour...

*To see how this might be done, and for the rest of this article, visit [www.teachers.tv/ta](http://www.teachers.tv/ta)*

## NEW THIS TERM!

**SEN Channel: a new way to watch Teachers TV online. You can find it at [www.teachers.tv/sen](http://www.teachers.tv/sen)**

I watch videos about how children learn, inclusion, SEN, Early Years and different learning approaches. The dyslexia programmes are brilliant.

Rosie, TA,  
London

## Become better at what you do: 10 ways Teachers TV can help

1. Keeps you up to date with education matters
2. Makes it easy to see TAs, teachers and pupils at work in other schools
3. Keeps you in touch with other TAs
4. Offers ideas on how to deal with behaviour, special needs, EAL and assessment
5. Provides a source of videos that can be used in lessons
6. Helps you progress your career
7. Can be used to support ongoing study
8. Develops understanding about teaching and learning
9. Gives examples of literacy and numeracy support
10. Can improve your skills inside and outside the classroom



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## What to watch on the web this term

Each term's newsletter will recommend some 15 minute programmes that we think will be of interest. At the beginning of a new school year, we thought you'd be keen to get tips on transition and behaviour. Here are a couple of recommendations. Remember, you'll find a larger list of programmes plus accompanying resources at [www.teachers.tv/ta](http://www.teachers.tv/ta)

### Secondary TAs - Working One to One

<http://www.teachers.tv/video/1522>

Good examples of TAs working with pupils who have a wide range of individual needs from emotional and behavioural issues to specific learning difficulties and physical impairment. It's about building relationships from Year 7 upwards.

### TAs - Whole School Impact - Primary

<http://www.teachers.tv/video/22129>

TAs can see the interesting way a colleague works with groups of pupils to develop positive social skills, thus affecting behaviour throughout the school. In another school, the TA's role has been crucial in supporting pupil literacy.

## Be part of our online community!

Register now at [www.teachers.tv/register/ta](http://www.teachers.tv/register/ta) to receive all the benefits of Teachers TV:

- Access Vital Support: the free group where you can chat with other TAs and HLTAs
- Get regular email updates with recommended programmes that can help you keep on top of your professional development
- Have the chance to enter and win exciting upcoming competitions!

Send us your top tip for January's issue and we'll enter you into a prize draw to win £50 of Amazon vouchers. Just email [newsletter@teachers.tv](mailto:newsletter@teachers.tv) by 30th November '09\*

## HLTA Corner: Handy Hints for HLTAs

Professional Standards

If you're already an HLTA or interested in becoming one, then our HLTA hub represents a chance to refine your practice by offering guidance on:

- Professional values and practice
- Knowledge and understanding
- Planning and expectations
- Monitoring and assessment
- Learning and teaching activities

For more information, visit [www.teachers.tv/hlta](http://www.teachers.tv/hlta)

## Top tips for the term

Theresa Donnelly gives her top tips on working with ASD pupils on the TA hub.



*I work as a teaching and welfare assistant at Linden Bridge School in Surrey for children with autistic spectrum disorder (ASD). During my seven years at the school, I have worked with all sorts of children with autism, ranging in severity.*

*I also work within the school's outreach department, this means I will often travel to a mainstream school and work with teaching assistants and a child identified with ASD, in order to set up strategies and approaches to assist with their learning. For my top strategies for working with ASD pupils read my article here: [www.teachers.tv/ta/asd-feature](http://www.teachers.tv/ta/asd-feature)*



Watch at [www.teachers.tv](http://www.teachers.tv) or on Sky 880, Virgin TV 240, Freesat 650 and Freeview 88 (4-6pm)

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