

## [New reading programmes aimed at improving pupils' inference and deduction skills.](#)

In 2014, Ryders Hayes Academy in Walsall piloted our inference and deduction reading programme for year 5 pupils, with overwhelming success. 92% of year 5 pupils improved by at least one sub level in reading when sharing their reading homework tasks with a parent from home.

The programme has now been rolled out and has found equal success at Small Heath Secondary School in Birmingham.

We are now working on a key stage 1 version of the reading programme, based on the Eckhart Tolle children's book, 'Milton's Secret.' Check out our Facebook page for developments.

## [UCB continues to lead the way in teaching ITT students the importance and benefits of engaging with Parents.](#)

Earlier this year, our annual national conference was held at University College Birmingham. Along with the usual delegates from schools and academies around the country, the university ensured that all PGCE trainees attended the session, giving them access to high quality CPD from world –Leading experts in their respective fields, Professor Charles Desforges, O.B.E and Ros Wilson of Big Writing fame.

The event was a huge success with 95% of delegates rating the day outstanding in their evaluations.

As a direct result of our links with University College Birmingham, PGCE trainees will be trained in the importance of engaging with parents to the benefit of pupils, supporting them in meeting this very important teaching standard.