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NASBTT Awards 2019: Devon Primary SCITT wins SCITT or School Direct Lead School of the Year award

Devon Primary SCITT has been named the SCITT or School Direct Lead School of the Year by the National Association of School-Based Teacher Trainers (NASBTT), the voice of school-led initial teacher training and development.

Devon Primary SCITT beat off fierce competition from Northampton Teacher Training Partnership and Shotton Hall SCITT, who were runners-up in NASBTT's SCITT or School Direct Lead School of the Year award. This category recognises the 'best of the best' school-based teacher training providers within the sector.

In awarding the SCITT or School Direct Lead School of the Year prize, the judging panel comprising of education and ITT experts said: "The excellence of Devon Primary SCITT's provision has been recognised by Ofsted in each of the four inspections they have received dating back to 2003. They have pioneered and refined the concept of learning conversations and cascaded this approach to many other providers. This programme and its leaders have also participated in system-wide leadership support activities over the past two years. As one of the judges noted: 'This nomination identifies the three areas of quality, distinctiveness and contribution to the wider ITT sector. It is an impressive nomination because all three of these areas have been so successful over time'."

Upon receiving the award, Andy Ogden, Strategic Lead of Devon Teaching School Partnership and Devon Primary SCITT, said: "It is an honour to accept this award on behalf of Devon Primary SCITT. Behind it lies a passionate partnership of staff, Heads and their schools who are fully committed to training the next generation of teachers. Although our partnership received this recognition, the awards evening was a true celebration of all the partnerships of schools across the country who provide excellent training so that all of our children will be taught by wonderful, creative teachers."

The inaugural NASBTT Awards, held at the Union Jack Club in London on 11th July, were launched to celebrate excellence in school-based teacher education and recognise the exceptionally hard-working and talented professionals involved in driving the profession.

Sponsoring NASBTT's SCITT or School Direct Lead School of the Year award category was Phil Smith Communications, a specialist PR, communications and stakeholder engagement consultancy for the education sector.

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