

# Autumn 2019 NEWSLETTER



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## WELCOME

*I hope the term has started strongly for you. There is a lot happening across the region and we are working hard to ensure you are fully informed of all the opportunities available for your school and your teachers.*

*We are delighted to become the Computing Hub for Southend, Essex, Thurrock and North East London. This is an ambitious project to upskill teachers to ensure quality computer science teaching happens through all phases from KS1–KS5.*

*This newsletter is both an update of work that is currently going on and information of upcoming projects and initiatives.*

**David Struthers, Director of Teaching School**

## NQT PROGRAMME

### NQT Development Programme 2019-20

Our first cohort of 28 NQTs is up and running. SETSA, in partnership with local teaching school networks and ITT providers, has put a programme in place to support the NQTs and their mentor throughout the year. This includes annual subscription with the Chartered College of Teaching.

Our partners:



Their next learning sessions will be:

**Focus on behaviour for learning** 6<sup>th</sup> November.

**Focus on creative approaches to teaching** 15 January

**Focus on assessment** 26 February

**Focus on exploring professional dialogues with different stakeholders & ensuring inclusion for LGBTQ+** 22 April

**Focus on sharing outcomes of reciprocal visits & planning future CPD** 17 June

For full details: <http://www.setsa.info/news/nqt-development-programme-2019-20> or email [s.burns@setsa.info](mailto:s.burns@setsa.info) if you have any questions.

## INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING UPDATE

### Primary

#### 2019-20

30 trainees started the course in the Southend cohort, 1 has since left. 5 are salaried and 1 part-time. Some are

following specialist routes including Maths, Behaviour & Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND).

If you or someone you know would be interested in becoming a teacher email [admin@etpscott.co.uk](mailto:admin@etpscott.co.uk)

**Jo Palmer-Tweed, Essex & Thames Primary SCITT**

### Secondary

**2018-19** QTS has been ratified by the Exam Board, the awards were as follows: 11 Outstanding, 14 Good, 1 Requires Improvement

25 out of the 26 trainees have secured NQT positions, the 1 RI trainee is yet to secure a position but has indicated that he may not take up a maintained teaching post.

**2019-20** 24 were recruited comprising of the following: 2 x Chemistry, 4 x Biology, 1 x Business, 1 x Drama, 3 x History, 2 x RS, 3 x Geography, 3 x MFL, 1 x English, 1 x Maths, 3 x PE. We received 71 applications, 21 were rejected and 26 withdrew, most choosing to approach different providers.

**Penny Bowman, Southend High School for Girls/Southend SCITT**

## SCHOOL-TO-SCHOOL SUPPORT

### School Experience Programme (SEP)

WHSG currently has 13 departments; Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths, Modern Foreign Languages, Law & Politics, History, D&T, RE, Psychology, Art, Geography and English, supporting the initiative for those considering a teaching career to experience the life of a teacher and what to do if they plan to take up teaching as a career.

[schoolexperience@ta-recruit.education.gov.uk](mailto:schoolexperience@ta-recruit.education.gov.uk) or call 0800 085 0962 for registration information.

### Specialist Leaders of Education (SLE)

If a teacher has at least 2 years' experience in a leadership role, has an area of expertise and a successful track record of school improvement plus exceptional interpersonal skills and a commitment to outreach work, then they could become a Specialist Leader of Education.

We are particularly looking for applicants with specialisms in the following areas: Primary Maths, Primary English, Secondary Maths, Secondary Science and Primary and Secondary Computer Science.

**RECRUITMENT IS NOW OPEN.**

Applications are open until 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

For more information visit: [s.burns@setsa.info](mailto:s.burns@setsa.info)

<http://www.setsa.info/news/specialist-leaders-of-education-recruitment-now-open>

## Thinking, Doing, Talking Science (TDTs)

An enormously successful programme, now about to start its third cohort. We are recruiting for the spring term 2020.

Feedback from cohort 1 & 2 was very positive.



*"The ideas were well presented. I am planning a year 5 thinking day and am starting a science club soon. I am embracing the less writing approach – a big thank you for a great day!"*

*"Pupils have been enthusiastic and I discovered one child who is a low ability writer and has a great general/science knowledge."*

20 schools from across Southend, Essex & Thurrock have already participated. Delivered by Science Oxford, it aims to help primary schools improve their attainment in science by focussing on creative and challenging science lessons. To encourage pupils to use their higher order thinking skills.

Programme as follows:

**Materials** Tue 4 Feb 2020, Westcliff High School for Girls

**Force** Tue 31 Mar 2020, Westcliff High School for Girls

**Earth, Space & Evolution** Tue 19 May 2020, venue TBC

**Light & Sound** Tue 30 June 2020, venue TBC

Cost is £380 per delegate for 4 full day's quality CPD.

Southend School are liable to 50% discount. Contact us to confirm discount and for further information:

[s.burns@setsa.info](mailto:s.burns@setsa.info)

## Primary & Secondary Subject Network Groups

The autumn round of meetings is underway. The networks currently running are EYFS, Primary English, RE, Visual Arts. Secondary History, Technology, PE, Maths, EAL, RE and Visual Arts.

If you are interested in attending one of the groups or starting one in your own subject area, please get in touch.

<http://www.setsa.info/subject-network-groups.html>

Next meetings are scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020. (some groups may have arranged a different date)

## English Hubs

A number of Southend schools have visited our local Primary English Hub in Newham where they participated in their showcase events. As a result 5 of our schools have already signed up to receive support over this academic year in developing phonics teaching. They are Hamstel Infants, Temple Sutton, Porters Grange, Friars and Heycroft.

For more information visit:

<http://newvisionenglishhub.co.uk/school-support/showcases/>

## TALENT MANAGEMENT AND SUCCESSION PLANNING

### Leadership development opportunities

There are opportunities for aspiring middle and senior leaders over the next couple of terms. In terms of developing our future leaders and retaining our best teachers in this region it is vital that talented teachers with leadership potential are encouraged to think about their next steps in their career. These courses are designed to provide useful preparation and build confidence in our future leaders. They will be fully designed and delivered by local, well respected leaders from across our schools.

#### Middle Leadership in Primary Schools

#### Aspiring to Senior Leadership in Primary Schools

#### Aspiring to Senior Leadership in Secondary Schools

These will run in the spring term, dates & costs TBC.

## CPD

### Sport England

We are delighted to report that we have been successful in our bid to access National Lottery funding to become part of the *Secondary Teacher Training programme*. 11 local Secondary schools will be part of this project.

Sport England is investing up to £13.5 million of National Lottery funding to help secondary schools promote and develop a more positive attitude towards sport and physical activity in all their pupils. This is a 12 month project funding £3,350 per school.

The training aims to help schools and teachers provide a wider range of opportunities to increase young people's enjoyment of sport and physical education (PE) and increase the chances of them being active in later life.

We will be attending the Orientation Day on 22 November in Coventry where we will be able to learn from the pilot project and then a Steering Group will meet to develop our Action Plan. Delivery will start in March 2020.

## COMPUTING HUB

We are pleased to announce we have been successful in our bid to become a Computing Hub (currently one of 30 hubs across the country). Our area covers Essex, Southend, Thurrock and eight North East London Boroughs. The 3 year government funded project will be led by STEM Learning in conjunction with Raspberry Pi Foundation and BCS. The project will provide a range of face to face and online CPD courses to upskill teachers who deliver Computing Science from KS1 to KS4, with a parallel programme of support for A level teaching. Courses are provided at minimal cost, with a particular focus on schools in priority areas, where bursaries and free spaces will be available.

#### Core CPD face-to-face courses include:

- Teaching and leading key stage 1 computing
- Teaching and leading key stage 2 computing
- Primary programming and algorithms

- GCSE Computer Science - developing outstanding teaching
- Creative computing for Key stage 3
- KS4 computing for all

#### Computer Science Accelerator programme face-to-face CPD:

- Algorithms in GCSE computer science
- Data and computer systems in GCSE computer science
- Networks and cyber-security in GCSE computer science
- Python programming essentials for GCSE computer science

The Computing Hub is looking to train existing Computer Science teachers to become Facilitators to deliver the CPD, and are also currently looking for venues to host the training. If you are interested in becoming a Facilitator or host venue, or for any other information, please contact the Hub administrator, Caroline Anderson: [c.anderson@setsa.info](mailto:c.anderson@setsa.info)

## SCIENCE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

### MAT Primary and Secondary INSET Day

We recently ran a very successful primary science conference for 3 schools within our MAT. We have similar projects in the diary for Spring Term 2020, one for a group of primary schools and the other for over 70 teachers and technicians from across 6 secondary schools. These days are tailored to meet the needs of the MAT and are a great, cost effective way of collaborating with partner schools. If you would like to find out more about the ways we can support science provision in your school or MAT, please get in touch with us at [e.emmerton@setsa.info](mailto:e.emmerton@setsa.info)

### Essex Primary Science Festival

2019-Chelmsford Racecourse, 15 November 2019



We are now in the run up to our primary science festival, and this year we are delighted to welcome Naomi Hiscock, Director of the Primary Science Education Consultancy, who will be looking at what to expect during an Ofsted inspection, with a focus on the role of the science subject leader. We also welcome Julie Brown, Head of Education at Practical Action, talking about ways of enriching STEM with the Global Goals plus TWO interactive CPD sessions (on 'Working scientifically to develop child led enquiry' & 'Cross-curricular science'), special guests, goodies for teachers and lunch provided, with lots of time for networking.

Book via <https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/458437/essex-primary-science-festival>

**NOTE: Southend/SETSA schools can attend this training for FREE** as part of the support provided for schools by the

South Essex Teaching School Alliance (SETSA) – if you are a SETSA school please call 01702 476026 x255 for your 100% discount code.

## DP World Enthuse Partnerships

Our SLP has been asked to coach a new ENTHUSE Partnership in the Thurrock area, and we are looking to identify schools to be involved in this exciting project. The Partnership is being funded by DP World London Gateway in Stanford-le-Hope. ENTHUSE Partnerships inspire young people in STEM (science, technology including computing, engineering and mathematics) subjects and careers. They are groups of schools and/or colleges that work together to address local issues of low uptake or underachievement in STEM subjects. For more information please visit the SETSA website: [http://www.setsa.info/uploads/1/5/0/4/15043266/what\\_are\\_enthuse\\_partnerships\\_-\\_external\\_brief\\_schools\\_colleges.pdf](http://www.setsa.info/uploads/1/5/0/4/15043266/what_are_enthuse_partnerships_-_external_brief_schools_colleges.pdf)

If you would like to discuss what would be involved prior to formal signup, please get in touch.

## CLEAPSS

We have partnered with CLEAPSS to deliver a training opportunity for Spring 2020, suitable for technicians who are taking on/have responsibility for chemicals. No prior chemical knowledge is required. The cost of this course is £140 for CLEAPSS members (£280 for non-members). Date & time: Tuesday, 11 February 2020, 9am – 4pm Location: Hassenbrook Academy, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex SS17 0NS

Link: <http://courses.cleapss.org.uk/Courses/Course-Details.aspx?CourseId=1000009>

## Facilitator Training

Could you lead science training for our SLP? We are running our popular STEM Facilitator Development Programme in the Spring Term 2020, dates to be confirmed. The cost for this is £150, however if you attend the training and subsequently deliver training for our SLP within one year we will reimburse you for the full cost of the course. Please email [e.emmerton@setsa.info](mailto:e.emmerton@setsa.info) for more information.

## FE Colleges

Did you know we also deliver a range of support and CPD for FE Colleges and Post 16 institutions? Courses include:

- Developing learner's resilience and independent learning skills in post 16 science
- Adding value and helping students make progress in post 16 science
- Raising aspirations: linking employability, careers and the post 16 science curriculum
- Mathematics for post 16 science

Please email us if you'd like to arrange training at your school or college: [e.emmerton@setsa.info](mailto:e.emmerton@setsa.info)

## Upcoming CPD & Network Meetings

Leading primary science to outstanding (THREE sessions) starting on 13/11/2019

<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/455136/leading-primary-science-outstanding>

Raising attainment in triple science on 18/11/2019

<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/455458/raising-attainment-triple-science>

Network meeting: Assessment & progression in primary science (Rayleigh Primary Science Network) on 15/01/2020

<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/459239/assessment-and-progression-primary-science-rayleigh-primary-network>

(Free for members of Rayleigh primary network)

Network meeting: Exploring chemistry practicals (Southend Secondary Science Network) on 5/2/2020

<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/459540/secondary-subject-leaders-network-chemistry-practical-focus> (Free for members of Southend secondary network)

**Emma Emmerton, SETSA**

## RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

We are delighted that our NQTs have been given membership to the Chartered College of Teaching. They provide latest educational research on a whole range of topics. For more information on how you can become a member please contact

<https://chartered.college/membership-2/teacher-membership>

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