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SWIFT Autumn Term 2024 Leadership Forum

Thursday 21 November 2024, 1530 - 1715, Online

Committed to bringing together leaders from all educational settings within the area, our Leadership Forums link to the best of local, regional and national.

For our 2024 Autumn Term Leadership Conference, we have two speakers:

- Sarah McGinnis, Ofsted Assistant Regional Director will share updates with opportunity for Q&A.
- Professor (Dr) Tanya Ovenden-Hope, Dean of Place and Social Purpose and Professor of Education, Plymouth Marjon University will consider place-based disadvantage and the way it reduces coastal and rural school access to resources, especially teachers.

Target Audience

School leaders from all school settings and types are invited to attend this event.

More Information about Our Speakers

Sarah McGinnis HMI has extensive experience of leading inspections of primary and secondary schools in a range of contexts and initial teacher training providers. She has also worked on national research projects.

Professor (Dr) Tanya Ovenden-Hope is also Visiting Professor at Canterbury Christ Church University and is in her second term as an elected board member of the International Council of Education in Teaching (ICET), the British Educational Research Association (BERA) and as an invited advisory board member for the Paul Hamlyn Foundation's Teacher Development Fund.

Cost: The event is FREE to colleagues from SWIFT Member schools and LSSW NPQs Programme Members.
For colleagues from other schools the fee is £35.

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AQA Writing for GCSE English Language Paper 1 & 2 | Stretching Grade 3 to 4

Tuesday 5 November 2024, 1000 – 1500, Oldway Primary School

This is an AQA course which will be delivered by experienced lead examiner Lance Hanson.

The focus of the day will be on writing and the knowledge and skills required for success in both GCSE English Language papers. We will address some more general concepts in the morning, looking at the typical features of writing demonstrated by students at all levels of the mark scheme. In the afternoon, we will use the 'GCSE English Language Stretching Grade 3 to 4' course as a springboard to look more specifically at some granular approaches to writing.

We will also explore the typical features of writing for GCSE English Language Paper 1 and Paper 2. We will consider how an understanding of these typical features can help us to support student progress and plan a writing curriculum.

This course will consider ways in which students attained grade 4 in the Summer 2023 series. Exemplar responses from the summer exams will be explored to highlight key skills for success. It will provide practical classroom approaches to help with your confidence, knowledge and expertise to improve your students' ability.

- focus on skills that students can use to improve performance in the writing questions
- explore how students cover AOs in exemplar writing responses
- provide you with a range of classroom activities to maximise your students' potential

Cost: £175 per person for SWIFT member schools | £195 for Non-members.

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FREE Support for Pupil Premium Key Stage 2 Pupils

We are pleased announce an exciting opportunity to provide direct support for Key Stage 2 Pupil Premium (PP) pupils in your school.

Atom Learning, The Colyton Foundation and SWIFT are working together in a positive partnership to provide **FREE** access to Atom Home to pupils across Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Somerset primary schools.

This responsive online learning platform is proven to successfully support attainment through tailored support that builds confidence, strengthens knowledge, and prepares children for the transition to secondary education.

Benefits for your pupils

- Tailored Learning | Atom Home adapts to each child's learning level, ensuring they receive the right support for their individual needs.
- Key Stage 2 Focus | The platform covers all essential content in English, Maths, and Science, supporting your efforts to raise attainment.
- Comprehensive Resources | Pupils will have access to an extensive library of teacher-created practice questions, learning challenges, and resources to support their mastery of the curriculum.

FIND MORE INFORMATION [HERE](#)

Teach Like a Champion (TLAC): Building Strong Classroom Culture

Train the Trainer Training Programme
Training led by US-based Trainers from Doug Lemov's Worldwide training team, using some of the strategies included in the best-selling book 'Teach Like A Champion 3.0'

Starts Tuesday 5 November 2024 | 1600 - 1730 | Online

- Audience: School Leaders, Coaches, Middle Leaders and Teachers across all age phases.
- Align with your School Improvement Priorities for improving high quality teaching and learning.
- Mastering research-based pedagogical approaches that promote strong and engaging classroom cultures where teachers and learners can thrive.
- A series of five online train-the-trainer sessions, led by Teach Like A Champion Trainers (Doug Lemov's team in the US), spread across the year for an impactful implementation model.
- Excellent value for money - discounted price negotiated for SWIFT - only £345 for member schools and £385 for non-members (regardless of the size of school).
- Optional termly Professional Community forums to review impact and share good practice.
- Access to recorded sessions and 'Plug and Play' training resources to use for staff training in schools.
- Opportunity to purchase further licenced TLAC resources and materials at a discounted rate.

Cost: £345 per delegate for SWIFT member schools | £385 for non-members.

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Understanding and Monitoring Early Years - for Subject Leaders

Monday 18 November 2024, 1300 – 1530, Online

Subject leaders need a strong grasp of children's starting points in their subject, which includes understanding the EYFS curriculum and confidently assessing its effectiveness. The role of a subject leader is broad and varied. For those not trained in EYFS, the Early Years can feel unfamiliar. This training session aims to demystify the EYFS aspect of subject leadership.

Participants will leave the session with:

- A deeper knowledge and understanding of the EYFS curriculum.
- Clarity about how the EYFS prepares children for KS1 and 2 curriculum learning.
- Knowledge about how provision and play supports children's progress through the Early Years curriculum.
- Practical strategies for monitoring the EYFS.
- Learning from discussions and networking with other subject leaders developing their understanding of EYFS.

Cost: £35 per person for SWIFT member schools | £55 per person for non-member schools

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Upcoming Featured Courses

An Introduction to Trauma Awareness for teachers and leaders **Monday 25 November 2024, 1300 - 1500, Online**

This session enhances trauma awareness for teachers, leaders, and teams by focusing on their roles as individuals, educators, and colleagues. In today's challenging educational landscape, this awareness is especially vital. Educators are facing increasing levels of SEND and inclusion needs, rising accountability and workload pressures, and complex safeguarding responsibilities, while supporting families who are navigating significant challenges themselves.

In this online session, we will explore the concept of trauma, how to identify and understand some of our own trauma as adults, and the effects trauma can have on both the body and mind. We will examine how our brains function using research-based models and neuroscience, and begin to develop self-awareness, improve self-regulation strategies, and foster effective collaboration with colleagues in school-based roles.

Cost: £35 per person for SWIFT member schools | £55 per person for non-member schools.

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Lego Therapy Workshop **Thursday 28 November 2024, 0930 - 1130, Countess Wear Community School, Exeter**

This workshop aims to teach adult facilitators the benefits of Lego therapy as an intervention for children on the autistic spectrum. Whilst understanding the theory of Lego therapy, there will be the opportunity for delegates to take part in a session which illustrates how Lego therapy differs from merely playing with Lego.

It will look at the outcomes for many young people (i.e. developing social skills such as turn taking, social negotiations and collaborative play). The workshop will also demonstrate the roles of those involved (including adults) and explains how this can potentially improve the social opportunities for young people.

Cost: £50 per person for SWIFT member schools | £80 per person for non-member schools.

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Leading Effective Disadvantage Provision for Primary School Pupils **Monday 20 January 2025, 0930 - 1500, Oldway Primary School**

The programme will support effective planning for disadvantaged pupils in primary schools, showing how to measure the impact of strategies but also in knowing what to stop doing. Marc Rowland will share his expertise to teach and empower participants, also presenting on social isolation and focusing on what strong leadership of school culture and expectations can look like as a key in unlocking better outcomes.

Meaningful participation is vital for improved outcomes and this programme offers not only a face-to-face session at RTSA Adult Learning Centre but three additional online sessions, the final one underpinned by a strong and useful evaluation and gap task to strengthen strategic planning moving forward.

Marc has published numerous articles and books on addressing educational disadvantage. He has carried out a number of area-based studies focused on improving educational disadvantage and has helped over a thousand schools. Marc has provided support to the DfE on the use and impact of the pupil premium grant and led the introduction of Jersey pupil premium.

Cost: £175 per person for SWIFT member schools | £195 per person for non-member schools.

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Professional Communities

Professional Communities bring colleagues together to network, connect with leading practice, hear from expert speakers, and provide mutual support. Held termly, our team of Professional Community Leads provide a high level of expertise, enabling the design of high-quality agendas, recruitment of expert speakers and the identification of local expertise. Contributors include leading national voices and key officials from national agencies, including Ofsted and researchers from the Education Endowment Fund (EEF).



- School Business Management
- Primary Oracy
- Primary Languages
- Primary SEND
- Primary Art
- Equality & Diversity
- Estates Management
- Primary Design & Technology
- Primary Character Education
- RE
- PSHE
- Safeguarding
- Primary Geography & History
- Secondary Computing
- Secondary Geography
- Primary Curriculum & Assessment

FIND MORE INFORMATION [HERE](#)

Primary Subject Leader Briefings

Early Years, Maths and English Subject Leader Briefings for primaries are designed to provide termly updates, guidance and examples of effective practice, drawing on area and national sources. Briefings are delivered by experts and planned in co-ordination with our Subject Masterclasses and Professional Communities.



- Early Years with Phil Armstrong | Early Excellence
- English with Danni Cooke | Ilsham English Hub Lead
- Maths with Josh Lury | CODE Maths Hub

No charge for SWIFT members.

FIND MORE INFORMATION [HERE](#)

The Maternity Teacher Paternity Teacher (MTPT) Project The UK's charity for parent-teachers.

Did you know that women aged 30-39 are consistently the largest group to leave teaching?

The MTPT Project is working hard to reverse this statistic and improve the retention of parent teachers by providing supportive workshops, group coaching sessions and regional networking opportunities.

Sessions currently available for this Autumn Term include:

- **Parental Leave Group Coaching**
- **Sustain and Grow Coaching for Parent Teachers**
- **Return to Work Workshops**

For more details, see [here](#) and look out for the funding options.

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Upcoming Events - November/December 2024 & January 2025

EYFS & PRIMARY

☆ Primary Maths Subject Leader Briefing | Wednesday 13 November | 1300 - 1600 | Online | RTSA

Book your place [HERE](#)

☆ TA Training: Building healthy brains for learning & improved outcomes! | Friday 15 November | 1000 - 1130 | Online | ECSA

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☆ Understanding and Monitoring Early Years - for Subject Leaders | Monday 18 November | 1300 - 1530 | Online | ECSA

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☆ Primary Science Subject Leader Briefing | Wednesday 20 November | 1300 - 1530 | Online | RTSA

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☆ Positive interactions - scaffolding learning in co-play | Thursday 21 November | 1300 - 1600 | Online | ECSA

Book your place [HERE](#)

☆ Lego Therapy Workshop | Thursday 28 November | 0930 - 1130 | Countess Wear Community School, Exeter | ECSA

Book your place [HERE](#)

☆ TA Training: Building secure attachments | Wednesday 4 December | 1330 - 1500 | Online | ECSA

Book your place [HERE](#)

☆ Understanding communication - friendly practices & provision in EYFS | Thursday 5 December | 1330 - 1500 | Online | ECSA

Book your place [HERE](#)

☆ Early Years Subject Briefing | Thursday 9 January | 0930 - 1530 | Online | ECSA

Book your place [HERE](#)

☆ Using loose parts to elevate imagination and language development | Thursday 16 January | 1300 - 1600 | Countess Wear Community School, Exeter | ECSA

Book your place [HERE](#)

☆ Primary English Subject Leader Briefing | Thursday 16 January | 1300 - 1500 | Online | Tarka

Book your place [HERE](#)

☆ Leading Effective Disadvantage Provision for Primary School Pupils | Monday 20 January | 0930 - 1500 | Oldway Primary School | RTSA

Book your place [HERE](#)

☆ Outstanding Curriculum Design for Primary Languages Programme | Monday 20 January | 1530 - 1700 | Online | RTSA

Book your place [HERE](#)

☆ Role of physical skill enabling environments to enhance reading & writing | Wednesday 22 January | 1000 - 1130 | Online | ECSA

Book your place [HERE](#)

☆ TA Training: New to the role of Teaching Assistant | Thursday 23 January | 1230 - 1500 | Countess Wear Community School | ECSA

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CROSSPHASE

☆ Teach Like a Champion | Starts Tuesday 5 November | 1600 - 1730 | Online | Blackdown EP

Book your place [HERE](#)

☆ Two Day Paediatric First Aid | Tuesday 19 & Wednesday 20 November | 0930 - 1600 | Countess Wear Community School, Exeter | ECSA

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☆ Passive Intervention and Prevention Strategies (PIPS) Training | Thursday 21 November | 0915 - 1600 | Roundswell Community Primary Academy | Tarka

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☆ **An Introduction to Trauma Awareness for teachers and leaders | Monday 25 November | 1300 - 1500 | Online | ECSA**
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☆ **'12 Dialogues for Boys & Young Men' Being Safe & Safe to be Around | Wednesday 22 January | 0900 - 1515 | Oldway Primary School | RTSA**
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☆ **Inclusion of growth mindset concepts in Early Years practice & provision | Friday 31 January | 1000 - 1130 | Online | ECSA**
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SECONDARY

☆ **AQA Writing for GCSE English Language Paper 1 & 2 | Tuesday 5 November | 1000 - 1500 | Oldway Primary School | RTSA**
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☆ **Leading Effective Disadvantage Provision for Secondary School Pupils | Tuesday 21 January | 0930 - 1500 | Oldway Primary School | RTSA**
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Professional Communities

- **Primary Oracy Professional Community | Wednesday 6 November | 1600 - 1700 | Online | Tarka**
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- **Primary Design & Technology Professional Community | Thursday 7 November | 1600 - 1700 | Online | Tarka**
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- **RE Professional Community | Thursday 7 November | 1600 - 1730 | Online | ECSA**
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- **PSHE Professional Community | Tuesday 12 November | 1330 - 1530 | Countess Wear Community School, Exeter | ECSA**
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- **Secondary Art & Design Professional Community | Tuesday 12 November | 1600 - 1730 | Online | Blackdown EP**
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- **Safeguarding Professional Community | Wednesday 13 November | 1600 - 1700 | Online | Tarka**
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- **Primary Curriculum & Assessment Professional Community | Monday 25 November | 1600 - 1700 | Online | Tarka**
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- **Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Data Professional Community | Tuesday 26 November | 0930 - 1200 | Isambard Kingdom Brunel Primary School | Blackdown EP**
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- **Primary Languages Professional Community | Tuesday 26 November | 1545 - 1715 | Online | RTSA**
Book your place [HERE](#)
- **Primary Geography & History Professional Community | Thursday 5 December | 1600 - 1700 | Online | Tarka**
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- **Equality & Diversity Professional Community | Tuesday 28 January | 1430 - 1600 | Online | ECSA**
Book your place [HERE](#)

- **Primary SEND Professional Community | Thursday 30 January | 0845 - 1200 | Future Skills Centre, Exeter | ECSA**
[Book your place HERE](#)
- **Primary Art Professional Community | Thursday 30 January | 1330 - 1530 | Countess Wear Community School | ECSA**
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Other Events for your Diary

CODE Maths Hub

- **Specialist Knowledge for Teaching Mathematics – Non-specialist**
[Find more information HERE](#)

Ilsham English Hub

- **Various CPD opportunities**
[Find more information HERE](#)

Empowering Early Years CPD

- **Various CPD opportunities**
[Find more information HERE](#)

Cambridge Nationals CPD

- **Various CPD opportunities**
[Find more information HERE](#)

1-2-1 Learning

- **SEMH in Education Conference – Thursday 6 February 2025**
[Find more information HERE](#)

The Cornerstone English Hub and the Devon and Dorset Computing Hub

- **Various CPD opportunities**
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