



# Events



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### Continuing Professional Development Offers from SWIFT & Our Partners

High quality CPD at affordable rates to enhance professional development in your school.  
Access through your SWIFT Membership package at no charge and/or discounted rates.  
Or as a non-member, you can access the programmes on a pay-as-you-go basis.

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## SWIFT Summer Conference 2026

**Thursday 18 June 2026 | 0830 - 1535 | Exeter Racecourse**

Hear from a range of international, national and local speakers from across the educational landscape as they discuss the latest issues.

We are delighted to invite you to the SWIFT Summer Conference 2026 (#SWIFTConf26), taking place on Thursday 18 June 2026 at Exeter Racecourse. This year, we are proud to welcome an outstanding line-up of speakers, including:

- Daisy Christodoulou MBE | Director of Education at No More Marking | AI and assessment: what needs to change
- Sufian Sadiq | Education leader and Director of Teaching School at Chiltern Learning Trust | Equity, wellbeing and leadership
- Shaheen Myers | Founder and CEO of Balance:ed | Care, Culture and Connection - Taking care of hearts and minds
- Mark Vickers MBE | Chief Executive Officer of Olive Academies and a national leader in inclusion and alternative provision
- Kamila Sidiqi | Afghan women's rights advocate, social entrepreneur and former government official
- Lewis Wedlock | Academic and masculinities educator | Masculinities In Schools - Preparing For "Newuniversal" Work
- Sally Apps | Deputy CEO at Cabot Learning Federation, responsible for the Secondary Phase and Specialist Settings | Disadvantage and the case for developing Oracy
- Nick Wakeling | Director of Colyton Foundation | Disadvantaged high attainers

#### Contact us

If you have any questions, please contact

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#### Cost:

**SWIFT Members: £100 | Standard Price: £150**

**Discounts available for LSSW / SWIFT NPQ Alumni + ECT Induction Leads / Mentors**

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## Leadership Skills Training Day

**Tuesday 3 March 2026 | 0900 - 1700 | Countess Wear Community School, Exeter**

Many leaders know what they need to do - have a difficult conversation, motivate a disengaged team member, or rebuild trust - but they often lack the how. This course bridges that gap by developing the essential soft skills of emotional intelligence, empathy, communication and conflict navigation, equipping leaders to act with confidence and compassion.

**This course is designed for:**

Deputy Headteachers, Assistant Heads, Heads of Year, Department Heads, Middle Leaders, SENDCos and Business Managers.

**Cost**

£120 per person for SWIFT member schools | £160 for non-members

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## Working Smarter Not Harder: Embracing AI with Mr P ICT (three sessions)

**Starts Tuesday 10 March 2026 | 0930 - 1530 | Oldway Primary School**

The course will be packed full of ideas for how to enhance teaching and learning through the use of technology with a focus on emerging AI technology.

- Learn how AI functions and discover practical ways it can streamline administrative tasks.
- Explore strategies for introducing AI concepts to students. This course also delves into various tech tools that can save teachers time, making teaching more efficient and enjoyable.

**Cost:**

SWIFT Members: £195 | Other colleagues: £245

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## Supporting Females on the Autistic Spectrum

**Wednesday 11 March 2026 | 0930 - 1230 | Countess Wear Community School, Exeter**

This course will enable staff to explore the differences for many young female students who are on the autistic spectrum.

**Course Aims:**

- Identify how differences in social imagination and communication and interaction can be gender specific
- Consider concepts such as "masking", and comorbidities such as selective mutism, eating disorders and OCD often present
- Explore the prevalence of mental health difficulties for many of the students.

**Cost**

£45 per person for SWIFT member schools | £65 per person for non-member schools

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## SWIFT NPQ UPDATE | AUTUMN 2026 COHORT

As you are probably aware, NPQ programmes will only run once per academic year. Our Autumn 2025 cohort has now launched, and we are delighted to be supporting almost 400 participants across the suite of NPQ programmes.

If you are a school leader or mentor who missed the opportunity to join the current cohort and would like to start your NPQ journey in the next academic year, please complete our [expression of interest form](#) and we will update you as soon as the application window opens in the Summer term.

Please feel free to share this information with your wider school community. For further information, please contact Fiona McNeile, [fiona.mcneile@sw-ift.org.uk](mailto:fiona.mcneile@sw-ift.org.uk)

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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.



- Primary Curriculum & Assessment
- Equality & Diversity
- Primary Languages
- Primary SEND
- School Business Management
- Primary Design Technology
- PSHE
- Estates Management
- RE
- Sixth Form
- Secondary Leadership
- Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Data

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### Primary and Secondary Subject Leader Briefings

Early Years, Maths, Science and English Subject Briefings for primaries and SEND, Maths, Science and English Subject Briefings for secondaries are designed to provide termly updates, guidance and examples of effective practice, drawing on area and national sources.



#### Primary Subject Briefings

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

#### Secondary Subject Briefings

- SEND with Amjad Amid
- Maths with Craig Barton
- Science with Jo Castelino
- English with Jennifer Webb

**No charge for SWIFT members.**

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### EYFS & Primary Courses

CPD sessions, professional communities, briefings and training tailored for early years/primary educators and school staff. Topics span curriculum and assessment, subject leadership, inclusion, wellbeing and safeguarding.

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### Secondary & Sixth Form Courses

CPD sessions, professional communities, briefings and training tailored for secondary/sixth form educators and school staff. Topics cover subject leadership & curriculum, assessment, inclusion, wellbeing and safeguarding.

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## *Other Events for your Diary*

### **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**  
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### **Cornerstone English Hub CPD**

- **Various CPD opportunities**  
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### **RISE SW Year 6 Raising Attainment Conference**

- **Thursday 5 March, 1330 – 1600, Online**  
Find more information [HERE](#)

### **Devon Research School**

- **Developing Metacognition in Your School Programme**  
Find more information [HERE](#)

### **Big Ideas**

- **Stories Behind the Poppy – International Women’s Day**  
Find more information [HERE](#)

### **Exeter School**

- **EdFest26**  
Find more information [HERE](#)

### **Finding My Voice**

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

### Primary ECT Supply Recruitment - Devon and Torbay - An Introduction to ESP

22<sup>nd</sup> April – 4pm  
Online

Working on supply as an ECT is a great way to expand your experience and confidence in a variety of settings and year groups. You build strong relationships with schools and it's a great next step after completing your training.

Come along to our online information session and discover our unique approach to supply. We're a not-for-profit service designed by schools, for schools, putting teachers and local communities first.

Whether you're ready to sign up or simply curious about how supply could fit around your lifestyle, this event is for you.

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