



Events



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Summer Term Issue

Continuing Professional Development Offers from SWIFT & Our Partners

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[YOU CAN READ HERE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS AND THANK YOU FOR FORWARDING TO YOUR COLLEAGUES](#)

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
- 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 & Agnes Fitzpatrick | Director of Colyton Foundation, Regional Director TEP | Engagement, Belonging, and High Attainment
- Steve Margetts | Principal of Torquay Academy | Developing Leadership

Contact us

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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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Moderation Sessions

Taking place throughout the summer term in various locations.

These events will provide an opportunity for supported peer moderation and will include the chance for teachers to secure understanding of the standards and gain confidence on key areas they are looking for.

Writing Moderation Year 6 (Exeter) Wednesday 20 May
Writing Moderation Year 1 & 2 (Barnstaple) Tuesday 2 June
Writing Moderation Year 3 & 4 (Barnstaple) Thursday 4 June
Writing Moderation Year 3 & 4 (Cullompton) Tuesday 9 June
Writing Moderation Year 5 (Tiverton) Wednesday 10 June
Writing Moderation Year 1 & 2 (Cullompton) Monday 29 June

Cost

£45 per person for SWIFT member schools

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Advanced Coaching Programme for School Leaders

Starts Wednesday 10 June 2026 | 0930 - 1530 | Countess Wear Community School, Exeter

A three-day ILM approved programme in coaching techniques to enhance your leadership and enable you to develop others effectively.

Programme Lead

Leonie Hurrell is an educational enthusiast. At 24 Leonie became the youngest Deputy Headteacher in Dorset and went on to be a Headteacher for 8 years, before becoming an ILM Certified Leadership Coach. Founder of The Thinking Academy, a company that provides coaching and ILM approved training solutions for schools.

Cost

£350 per person for SWIFT member schools | £450 for non-members.

Cost includes a complimentary full DISC® Profile Assessment, official ILM certificate, lunch and refreshments on all three days.

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Safer Recruitment

Monday 8 June 2026 | 0930 - 1600 | Cherith Christian Fellowship, Tiverton

Implementing “safer recruitment” practices is a vital part of the arrangements that schools and trusts must put in place in order to safeguard children and promote their wellbeing.

Training Lead

Jon Galling is the Safeguarding Lead for The Harbour Schools Partnership and Dartmoor Multi-Academy Trust.

Cost

£95 per person for SWIFT member schools | £123.50 per person for non-member schools

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SWIFT NPQ Programme Update

The application window for the SWIFT Autumn 2026 cohort of NPQS is likely to open in late June. The DfE have not released information relating to Cohort scholarships and school eligibility, but this information will be confirmed early next half term.

We anticipate substantial demand for scholarship places and encourage application as early as possible, ideally before the end of the summer term.

If you are interested in undertaking an NPQ or are looking for opportunities to support professional development and staff retention, please ensure you sign up via our [expression of interest form](#) to receive early notification of the application window opening and full details of scholarship funding/eligibility.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST [HERE](#)

Early Career Teacher Programme | September 2026 Registration Update

The DfE have launched a new 'Register for Early Career Teacher' service (RECT) which schools will access to register ECTs starting in September 2026. The official date to register ECTs starting in September is **15 June 2026**.

Please use the link [HERE](#) to notify us of any Year 1 or Year 2 ECTS joining your school in the academic year 2026/27. We will contact you with full information on the AB registration process and steps you need to take on the RECT service including helpful guides and recordings.

REGISTER YOUR ECT [HERE](#)

National Institute School-Level Professional Development Research Project

The National Institute of Teaching is exploring how professional development works in schools, focusing on the DfE's 'Golden Thread' of ITT, ECF, and NPQs. To facilitate this, we'd be very grateful if you would consider completing the NIOT survey. Your insights will not only contribute to an original research study, but also directly shape the sector-wide guidance on professional development the NIOT will be producing as an output from the research.

Survey link: [NIoT research Exploring school-level professional development in schools across England – Fill in form](#)

It only takes 12-15 minutes to complete, and every input is valuable – helping NIOT to ensure their work is grounded in real school practice and is useful for those working in schools and trusts.

SURVEY [HERE](#)

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

Cornerstone English Hub Conference & CPD

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

Boolean Maths Hub and the London South West Maths Hub

- **Mainstream Inclusion Online Conference - Primary Maths**
Find more information [HERE](#)

Finding My Voice

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

Support for Teachers on Parental Leave

Colleagues may wish to explore upcoming opportunities from the The MaternityTeacher PaternityTeacher Project, supporting teachers on parental leave and those preparing to return to work.

- Support and entitlements for pregnant and expectant staff.
- Networking, coaching and professional development during parental leave.
- Return to work workshops and coaching support.
- Family and life-friendly schools.
- Making teaching a sustainable career choice.

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