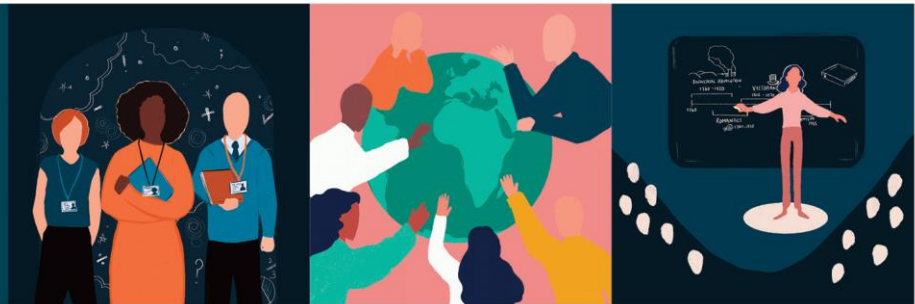




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SWIFT Spring Leadership Forum | Online

Thursday 8 February, 1500-1700 | Register NOW

We are delighted to announce details of the SWIFT Spring Leadership Forum, taking place on Thursday 8 February, 1500-1700 online. Please click [HERE](#) to register.

This term's line up is full of high quality presenters, covering a range of key educational priorities.

PART A

Keynote 1: Bennie Kara | Diverse Educators (1500-1530)

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PART B

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Secondary Option:

James Lamb | Reflections on Outstanding (1600-1630)

Jon Lunn | School Performance Analysis (1630-1700)

Cost

The event is free to colleagues from SWIFT Member schools and LSSW NPQ Programme Members. For all other colleagues, there is a small charge of £35.

Contact us

If you have any questions, please contact

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SOUTH WEST Institute for Teaching
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Bennie is a former school leader in the East Midlands, who now provides support and training for schools working to diversity and inclusion. She is the author of 'A Little Guide for Teachers, Diversity in Schools' and the co-author of 'Diverse Educators: A Handbook'. She was awarded the Joan Steady Price for Diversity and Inclusion by NATE in 2021 and received the Sage Social Justice Award in 2022.

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Jack, NFER's school workforce lead, will report on the teacher labour market. His research and reports aim to understand the changing teaching profession and identify ways of improving teacher recruitment and retention. He has given evidence to the Education Select Committee on how schools and policymakers can better retain teachers and is a member of the Department for Education's Teacher Supply Model technical group.

PART B
Primary Option: Aaron Meredith and Olivia Bartlett | Reflections on Outstanding (1600-1645)
Aaron is CEO of The Inspire MAT in Plymouth, made up of five Outstanding primary schools: Elements Community School and The Bridge Primary School. Olivia is Head of School for The Bridge, recently judged Outstanding by Ofsted, having previously been judged Outstanding in 2018. Aaron and Olivia will share their reflections and identify several key take aways.

Secondary Option: James Lamb | Reflections on Outstanding (1600-1630)
James is Headteacher of The Castle School, Taunton. In the recent Ofsted report (October 2023), Castle maintained their Outstanding grading, having been previously inspected in 2009. James will share key reflections on their school improvement journey.

Jon Lunn | School Performance Analysis (1630-1700)
Jon is Director of Performance for Tall Wharf Trust. Each year, Jon completes ECR data for schools across the SW region. In this session, Jon will share key data from 2023 summer results, identifying trends and factors.

Target Audience
All school leaders from all school settings and types.

Fees
Free to colleagues from SWIFT Member schools and LSSW NPQ Programme Members. £35 all others.

How to register
Online registration via Eventbrite: [HSBE](#)

Contact us
If you have any questions, please contact Nicky Sheppard: nicky.sheppard@sw-ift.org.uk 0115 212121
www.sw-ift.org.uk

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AQA Feedback Events – Spring Term | Face-to-face

These AQA face to face events offer 5 1/2 hours of networking sessions that seek to draw out the detail of this feedback across a full day. They will provide an opportunity to review each paper with an AQA specialist lead, sharing best practice answers and misconceptions.

An integral part of the day will be providing opportunities to work collaboratively through the paper and discuss nuances with colleagues and AQA leads. Free parking, lunch and refreshments will be included.

AQA Feedback on the 2023 GCSE Examinations

- PE - Wednesday 7 February 2024
- Biology - Wednesday 21 February 2024
- Chemistry - Tuesday 12 March 2024
- RE – Monday 18 March 2024
- Combined Science - Monday 25 March 2024
- MFL – Wednesday 27 March 2024

AQA Feedback on the 2023 A-Level Examinations

- Business - Monday 26 February 2024
- Sociology - Tuesday 27 February 2024
- Psychology - Friday 1 March 2024
- Economics - Monday 4 March 2024

More information and booking links

- GCSE Examinations - <https://t.co/WTwahiyba5>
- A-Level Examinations - <https://t.co/sqAS0mFKAH>

Contact us

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Please note, the AQA face to face booking days are very different to the current online booking dates for AQA.

The AQA online feedback events also offer a host of highlights from the current results, including a range of the number of marks achieved with various responses.

Feedback from delegates on past training sessions:

"I spent the day - gave me time to reflect and to speak to a host of people"

"Was useful - the philosophy behind AQA is to support in the classroom"

"Allowed all, feeling reassured in having an AQA expert to the open to ask about questions and have through the exam questions"

Course Description

This event will:

- Provide insight on the current GCSE examinations for the GCSE specification
- Discuss a selection of subject objectives at different levels that delegates can use to support their own practice
- Discuss how students can better meet assessment objectives throughout their answers
- Consider the implications for teaching and learning outcomes for AQA

To book:
Please visit the respective site above or telephone 01302 303861

Cost:
SWIFT members: £175 per session
Non-Members: £225 per session
Cost includes booking and refreshments lunch during the day.

GCSE Subject	Date	Location
Computer Science	Wednesday 14 Feb 2024	Paignton
English	Monday 19 Feb 2024	Paignton
Maths	Wednesday 21 Feb 2024	Paignton
English Language	Monday 26 Feb 2024	Paignton
PE	Wednesday 28 Feb 2024	Paignton
Physics	Monday 25 Mar 2024	Paignton
Mathematics	Wednesday 27 Mar 2024	Paignton
PSY	Wednesday 27 Feb 2024	Paignton
History	Wednesday 28 Feb 2024	Paignton
Combined Science	Monday 25 Mar 2024	Exeter

Timings:
8:00 - 10:00 Arrive and Coffee
10:00 - 10:30 Training Session

Location:
Paignton
AQA AQA Learning Centre
10000 (Paignton Station, Higher, Paignton Road, Paignton, Devon PL27 8JF)

Exeter:
Exeter College Future Skills Centre
Exeter, EX2 5JF

Parking at Okehampton
Delegates arriving by car: Please park at Okehampton where parking is FREE
Okehampton T50 27Y is a 4 minute walk away from Okehampton Station
If you are unable to park at Okehampton please contact us with an alternative parking site

Parking at Exeter Future Skills Centre
Delegates arriving by car: Please park at Exeter FSC where parking is FREE

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Lyfta mandala collaboration: an exciting collaborative project for your school

Our partner Lyfta is inviting schools to be part of an exciting collaborative project linked to International LEGO Day. Students will have the chance to explore the story of Wei Wei; the only female LEGO Certified Professional in the world, as she inspires children to build a giant LEGO mandala. Students will then create their own designs, to be part of a giant digital mandala. Not only will students be a part of an exciting, shared project, connecting them to other learners and classrooms, there's also the chance to win some lovely prizes for the school.

It's free and simple to take part!

FIND MORE INFORMATION [HERE](#)

Keeping in Contact with You

It is important to us that you receive our communications.

We all rely on emails and we thank you for remembering to check your spam folder for when messages occasionally go astray.

BOOK NOW | Programmes, Training and Events

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
- Sixth Form
- Estates Management
- Primary SEND
- Secondary SEND
- Equality & Diversity
- Primary Design & Technology
- Secondary Leaders
- PSHE
- Primary Geography & History
- RE
- Primary PE
- Primary Science
- Primary Art
- Safeguarding
- Secondary Computing
- Secondary Science
- Primary Curriculum and Assessment
- Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Data

FIND MORE INFORMATION [HERE](#)

Primary Subject Leader Briefings

Covering Early Years, Maths, English and Science, 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 Early Excellence
- Science with Allie Beaumont
- English with Danni Cooke | Ilsham English Hub Lead
- Maths with Adam Peters | CODE Maths Hub

No charge for SWIFT members.

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Parental Leave Group Coaching

Fully-funded for state school colleagues in the South West thanks to Balcarras Trust, Pate's Grammar School, Swindon and Wiltshire TSH, SWIFT, and One Cornwall TSH Partnership



Join The MTPT Project this winter for our December Return to Work workshop - a highly supportive session aimed specifically at colleagues preparing to return to work following a period of maternity, adoption or shared parental leave.

During this 90-minute workshop participants will learn about their legal entitlements as returning parents and the best practice they can request from schools to support their return. The workshop offers the headspace to consider organisational logistics at home and at school, and prepare practically and emotionally for a confident return.

These are baby-friendly events facilitated by Emma Sheppard, Founder of The MTPT Project, the UK's charity for parent-teachers. Find out more and claim your fully funded place using the promo code **SW23** on Eventbrite.

FIND MORE INFORMATION [HERE](#)

Supporting Students with High Academic Potential | One Day Programme | Thursday 21 March 2024

A DfE approved programme in collaboration with Colyton Foundation, Kingsbridge Research School and Ted Wragg Multi Academy Trust

SWIFT are delighted to bring to schools in Devon, this subsidised DfE approved programme focusing on how to support academically able students, particularly those who have experienced disadvantage, to achieve outstanding outcomes at both primary and secondary level. The programme draws on the presenters' experience of teaching academically able pupils alongside the application of the EEF principles to HAP provision.

Programme Presenters

Nick Wakeling is Director of Studies at Colyton Grammar School and leads the Colyton Foundation.

Siobhan Meredith is the Executive Director of Education for the Ted Wragg Trust and previous Headteacher of Marine Academy Primary, a double Outstanding school in Plymouth.

Alistair Wilson is the Trust Leader for Raising Primary Standards for the Ted Wragg Trust.

Jon Eaton is Director of Kingsbridge Research School and a designated Evidence Lead in Education (ELE).

Programme Location

Future Skills Centre, Exeter

Programme Fee

£60 per delegate which includes refreshments and lunch.

Please contact **Fiona McNeile**, fiona.mcneile@sw-ift.org.uk if you have any queries or questions.

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Read to Succeed | A Cornerstone English Hub Conference | Tuesday 27 February 2024

Deeper Discovery of the Curriculum through the power of reading

An opportunity to be inspired, reflect on the subject of reading and the benefits of reading across the curriculum.

At every level of the curriculum, the importance of being a fluent reader cannot be understated. Not only does reading unlock access to the breadth of the curriculum in every phase of education, but students begin to plumb the depths of what each subject has to offer if they can read about its intricacies.

There is a great line up of speakers including author & comedian David Baddiel, Dame Ruth Miskin – co-writer of the reading framework and developer of ReadWrite Inc – and Debbie Thomas from the Open University, with more to be announced soon.

The conference will be exploring the power of reading in supporting children to dig deeper into subjects, and how as educators we can foster positive and aspirational reading cultures as children take each step along their individual journeys. With more confidence in reading, we will delve into how lessons can become more knowledge rich and engaging for each child we work with.

You'll explore a dynamic range of CPD filled sessions. The conference is completely free to attend, with some funding opportunities available to eligible schools. Contact hub.admin@tcat.education to see what is on offer.

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January/February/March 2024

EYFS & PRIMARY

★ **TA Training: Promoting positive interactions in the primary classroom** | Thursday 1 February 2024 | 1230 - 1500 | Countess Wear Community School, Exeter | ECSA

Book your place [HERE](#)

★ **Primary English Subject Leader Briefing** | Thursday 8 February 2024 | 1330 - 1530 | Online | Tarka

Book your place [HERE](#)

★ **Primary Practical Science CPD Series** | Wednesday 28 February 2024 | 0915 - 1215 | Oldway Primary School | RTSA

Book your place [HERE](#)

★ **TA Training: New to the role of Teaching Assistant** | Thursday 29 February 2024 | 1230 - 1500 | Countess Wear Community School, Exeter | ECSA

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★ **Passive Intervention and Prevention Strategies (PIPS) Training** | Tuesday 5 March 2024 | 0900 - 1600 | Countess Wear Community School, Exeter | ECSA

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★ **Supporting Children with ASD and High Anxiety** | Wednesday 6 March 2024 | 0930 - 1230 | Countess Wear Community School, Exeter | ECSA

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★ **TA Training: Supporting pupils with SEND** | Thursday 7 March 2024 | 1230 - 1500 | Countess Wear Community School, Exeter | ECSA

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★ **KS2 Cross-School Writing Moderation** | Wednesday 13 March 2024 | 1315 - 1530 | Oldway Primary School | RTSA

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★ **EYFS Cross-School Spring Term Moderation** | Thursday 14 March 2024 | 0930 - 1300 | Oldway Primary School | RTSA

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★ **Understanding 'schematic concepts' in provision & practice** | Thursday 14 March 2024 | 0930 - 1200 | Countess Wear Community School, Exeter | ECSA

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★ **Primary Maths Subject Leader Briefing (AM)** | Tuesday 19 March 2024 | 0900 - 1200 | Online | RTSA

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★ **Writing Moderation: Year 3** | Tuesday 19 March 2024 | 0900 - 1200 | Countess Wear Community School, Exeter | ECSA

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★ **Primary Maths Subject Leader Briefing (PM Repeat)** | Tuesday 19 March 2024 | 1300 - 1600 | Online | RTSA

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★ **Writing Moderation: Year 1** | Tuesday 19 March 2024 | 1300 - 1600 | Countess Wear Community School, Exeter | ECSA

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★ **Writing Moderation: Year 5** | Thursday 21 March 2024 | 0900 - 1200 | Countess Wear Community School, Exeter | ECSA

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★ **Writing Moderation: Year 4** | Thursday 21 March 2024 | 1300 - 1600 | Countess Wear Community School, Exeter | ECSA

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★ **KS1 Cross-School Writing Moderation** | Thursday 21 March 2024 | 1315 - 1530 | Oldway Primary School | RTSA

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SECONDARY

☆ AQA Physical Education GCSE Feedback on the 2023 Examinations | Wednesday 7 February 2024 | 0930 - 1530 | Oldway Primary School | RTSA

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☆ AQA Biology GCSE Feedback on the 2023 Examinations | Wednesday 21 February 2024 | 0930 - 1530 | Oldway Primary School | RTSA

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☆ AQA Business A-Level Feedback on the 2023 Examinations | Monday 26 February 2024 | 0930 - 1530 | Oldway Primary School | RTSA

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☆ AQA Sociology A-Level Feedback on the 2023 Examinations | Tuesday 27 February 2024 | 0930 - 1530 | Future Skills Centre, Exeter | RTSA

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☆ AQA Psychology A-Level Feedback on the 2023 Examinations | Friday 1 March 2024 | 0930 - 1530 | Future Skills Centre, Exeter | RTSA

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☆ AQA Economics A-Level Feedback on the 2023 Examinations | Monday 4 March 2024 | 0930 - 1530 | Oldway Primary School | RTSA

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☆ AQA Chemistry GCSE Feedback on the 2023 Examinations | Tuesday 12 March 2024 | 0930 - 1530 | Future Skills Centre, Exeter | RTSA

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☆ AQA Religious Education GCSE Feedback on the 2023 Examinations | Monday 18 March 2024 | 0930 - 1530 | Oldway Primary School | RTSA

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☆ AQA Combined Science GCSE Feedback on the 2023 Examinations | Monday 25 March 2024 | 0930 - 1530 | Venue TBC | RTSA

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☆ AQA MFL (French) GCSE Feedback on the 2023 Examinations | Wednesday 27 March 2024 | 0930 - 1530 | Oldway Primary School | RTSA

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CROSSPHASE

☆ Developing a Whole School Approach to Trans Inclusion in Primary and Secondary Schools | Tuesday 6 February 2024 | 1545 - 1715 | Online | RTSA

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☆ Emotional Health and well-being in Menopause | Wednesday 21 February 2024 | 1530 - 1700 | Online | RTSA

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☆ What Is Dyscalculia and How Do We Support It In The Classroom? | Friday 23 February 2024 | 1330 - 1530 | Oldway Primary School | RTSA

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☆ Effective School Marketing – Recruitment, Reputation and Revenue | Tuesday 27 February 2024 | 0900 - 1200 | Online | ECSA

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☆ Coaching for Leaders | Wednesday 28 February 2024 | 0900 - 1515 | Countess Wear Community School | ECSA

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☆ Instructional Coaching: Developing Greatness | Wednesday 13 March 2024 | 0900 - 1530 | Countess Wear Community School | ECSA

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☆ Genitourinary Health in Menopause | Wednesday 20 March 2024 | 1530 - 1700 | Online | RTSA

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Professional Communities

- **PSHE Professional Community | Wednesday 31 January 2024 | 1330 - 1530 | Countess Wear Community School | ECSA**
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- **Character Education Professional Community | Thursday 1 February 2024 | 1600 - 1715 | Online | Tarka**
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- **Primary Oracy Professional Community | Wednesday 21 February 2024 | 1600 - 1700 | Online | Tarka**
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- **Primary SEND Professional Community | Thursday 22 February 2024 | 0845 - 1200 | Exeter Court Hotel | ECSA**
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- **Secondary SEND Professional Community | Tuesday 27 February 2024 | 1400 - 1530 | Online | ECSA**
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- **Primary Design & Technology Professional Community | Wednesday 28 February 2024 | 1600 - 1715 | Online | Tarka**
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- **RE Professional Community | Wednesday 28 February 2024 | 1600 - 1730 | Online | ECSA**
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- **Sixth Form Professional Community | Thursday 7 March 2024 | 1300 - 1700 | Oldway Primary School | RTSA**
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- **Primary Curriculum and Assessment Professional Development Community | Thursday 7 March 2024 | 1600 - 1700 | Online | Tarka**
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- **Secondary Computing Professional Community | Thursday 7 March 2024 | 1600 - 1730 | Online | ECSA**
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- **Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Data Professional Community | Tuesday 12 March 2024 | 0930 - 1200 | Uffculme School**
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- **Estates Management Professional Community | Tuesday 12 March 2024 | 1330 - 1530 | Online | ECSA**
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- **Primary PE Professional Community | Tuesday 12 March 2024 | 1330 - 1530 | Countess Wear Community School, Exeter | ECSA**
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- **Primary Science Professional Development Community | Thursday 14 March 2024 | 1540 - 1700 | Online | Tarka**
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- **Primary Music Professional Development Community | Tuesday 19 March 2024 | 1600 - 1715 | Online | Tarka**
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- **Primary Geography & History Professional Development Community | Thursday 21 March 2024 | 1600 - 1700 | Online | Tarka**
Book your place [HERE](#)
- **Safeguarding Professional Development Community | Monday 25 March 2024 | 1600 - 1700 | Online | Tarka**
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Other Events for your Diary

Upcoming DEI Events

- **#DiverseEd Conference Various dates | Online | Diverse Educators**
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- **Thematic Workshops | Various dates | Online | Diverse Educators**
Find more information [HERE](#)
- **Programmes | Various dates | Online | Diverse Educators**
Leading DEIB in Schools, Leading Courageous Conversations, Leading the Diverse Curriculum, Leading Inclusive Workplaces
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Devon School Business Managers Association Annual Conference

- **SAVE THE DATE – Wednesday 15 May 2024 – Free to attend**
Find more information [HERE](#)

SW Facilities and Estates Managers Annual Conference

- **SAVE THE DATE – Thursday 20 June 2024 – Free to attend**
Find more information [HERE](#)

Kingsbridge Research School

- **Improving Primary Science | A Workshop Day for Primary Schools – Friday 9 February 2024**
Find more information [HERE](#)

Jurassic Maths Hub

- **A variety of opportunities for both Primary and Secondary teachers**
Find more information [HERE](#)

Exeter Maths School – Teach Computing

- **A variety of opportunities for both Primary and Secondary teachers**
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Cambridge Nationals Events

- **Various CPD opportunities**
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Department for Education - Senior Mental Health Lead Training

- [Senior mental health lead training](#) will equip your mental health lead with the knowledge and skills to implement an effective whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing. All state schools and colleges can [claim a £1,200 grant](#) to fund DfE quality assured mental health lead training to help them develop their school or college approach to promoting and supporting the mental health and wellbeing of pupils and staff.
Find more information [HERE](#)

Empowering Early Years CPD

- **Enabling challenge & risk in provision to support Executive functioning skills (including attention, working memory and SR skills) | 29 January 2024**
- **Enabling Early, positive Mental Health habits for learning and life in young children: What, why, how and where? | 5 February 2024**
- **Supporting Quiet, Shy & Anxious children (QSA): enabling confidence skills | 28 February 2024**
Find more information [HERE](#)

Ilsham English Hub – Free CPD

- **Various CPD opportunities**
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Plymouth Marjon University Short Courses

- **Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) for Schools | Access Anytime | Online**
[Find more information HERE](#)

Cornerstone CPD

- **Upcoming CPD Events February 2024 – March 2024**
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