

Schools Newsletter



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Greetings!

In October 2017 and January 2018, schools were invited to bid for sums of money to support school improvement projects against the CISB's priorities. The Board awarded funds to 21 projects, the progress of which can be seen on the [CISB website](#). Four of the projects have now completed - [visit the website](#) to see the impact they have had. These projects include 'work week' at Alderman Jacobs Primary; 'Getting Gritty' at Linton Village College; a project run by Cambs Music/Cambs Utd Football Club with St Luke's, Abbey Meadows and Mayfield Primaries and Cottenham Village College; and the Cambridgeshire Festival of Education.

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Children from Cambs Music/Cambs Utd football club project.

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Thanks to all those who sent feedback about the new contact and structure document that we featured last week. Schools like yours are finding it really useful which is great news. So here is the [link again](#) just in case you haven't had a chance to look at it yet.

The Year 6 English Challenge is back!

The Year 6 English Challenge is back and the first three heats start next week. The first heat is at Burwell (25/09) followed by heats at Peckover (26/09), Holme (27/09) and 11 further heats are taking place in October at schools across the county. The Year 6 English Challenge is an annual competition for teams of four children. The competition has been running for several years, proving to be a popular event with over 100 schools participating every year. To find out more information about the competition, or to book a team at your nearest heat, click [here](#).

Photos and images are welcome. Please note they will appear quite small so images of groups may be hard to see. They should be sent in an image file format such as JPEG or GIF. Please check your links before submission.

List of Governance Issues for Consideration for the Autumn Term 2018

A [list of governance issues for consideration for the Autumn Term](#) has been published. This information is particularly relevant for agenda setting and provides items/updates for consideration/ review in the light of statutory requirements and local decisions. They may be considered by the full governing body/committees/working groups or named governors, depending on individual schools' arrangements for the management of governing board business.

The document has also been uploaded to the Cambridgeshire School Governance Hub. This document should be read in conjunction with the Reminders/Additional Information and Yearly Planner documents located on the Hub - only available to schools subscribing to the School Governance Team SLA.

Please click on the link to register and join our group: <https://khub.net/learntogether>, a [How to Guide](#) has also been produced to help you register and make the most of the Hub.

England's 1000th Birthday - An invitation to Cambridgeshire schools from Festival Bridge and Epic Tales

Did you know England is almost 1000 years old? Or that it began with a king's decree for everyone to feel welcomed and included? [Festival Bridge](#) and Epic Tales have partnered to lead the national celebrations of this significant millennial in 2020 from right here in Cambridgeshire. As part of this, we will be pairing schools with equality and diversity organisations on creative projects inspired by folklore from the Dark Ages.

Projects begin in May 2019. To guarantee your school's involvement, or to find out more, please register your interest by emailing england1000@epictales.co.uk before Thursday 27 September.

Cambridge Science Centre After School Science Club

Cambridge Science Centre is starting a brand new [After School Science Club](#), starting on Thursday 20 September 2018. The club is suitable for children in years 4, 5 & 6. Booking is essential and can be completed through [Eventbrite](#).

Going up to Secondary School - informing parents

The Parents' School Preference Adviser, in conjunction with SENDIASS, is holding a series of information sessions for parents of all children in Year 6 and parents of children in Year 5 with an EHC Plan.

Date	Venue	Time
Wed 26 September	Oasis, Wisbech	9.45 to 11.30
Thu 27 September	CPDC	19.00 to 20.45

Mon 1 October	Ely College	19.00 to 20.45
Wed 3 October	CPDC	9.45 to 11.30
Tue 9 October	Wood Green	19.00 to 20.45

The events will give parents information about moving up from primary to secondary school, including the application process and information and strategies on how to support their child with making the move. Flyers have been sent out to parents but if anyone has missed receiving details, places can be booked using the details below. Parents' School Preference Adviser (01223 699194)
choosingaschool@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Important notice - Avoid disappointment, book onto courses!

We have noticed that people have been turning up to courses without booking on via Learn Together. While we love the enthusiasm, we must ask for you to book on to the courses to ensure we have enough resources for all attendees and to guarantee that courses are not cancelled due to low numbers! We want to prevent any disappointment to those wishing to attend. Please book through [Learn Together](#). If you have any problems with booking on please contact 01223 715933 or via email on Course.Booking@cambridgeshire.gov.uk where someone will be happy to assist.

Training Courses, Events and Conferences

For a list of all current training courses provided by the Local Authority and Teaching schools [click here](#).

Course date changes:

[Teacher and Governor Workshop With Mary Myatt \(see `Assessment' tab\)](#)

Wednesday 28 November 2018 (moved from 20/09/2018) at Cambridge Golf and Conference Centre.

[Developing Good Mathematical Foundations in early Years and Year 1 \(see `Maths' tab\)](#)

Session 1 is now Thursday 29 November 2018, 13.00 to 16.30 at Cambridge Golf and Conference Centre.

Session 2 is now Wednesday 16 January, 13.00 to 16.30 at Cambridge Golf and Conference Centre.

[Safeguarding Young Adults at Risk of Harm](#)

Friday 12 October, 09.30 to 16.00, Cambridge Professional Development Centre, Trumpington. For staff who are supporting vulnerable young adults in school.

[Basic Child Protection](#)

Tuesday 9 October 2018, 09.30 to 12.30, Cambridge Professional Development Centre.

[Domestic Abuse: The Role of the Domestic Abuse Lead in Schools and Colleges](#)

Tuesday 16 October 2018, 09.30 to 16.00, Deaf Blind UK, Hampton.

[Improving progress in Year 6 \(CGCC\) Session1 - Select `Briefings'](#)

Monday 24 September 13.30-16.30 at the Cambridge Golf & Conference Centre. Year 6 Teachers. From £65 per head. Element 2 members Receive 2 free places.

[1stClass@Writing:Pirate Writing Crew Select `English Interventions'](#)

Tuesday 25 September 09.30-15.30 at ECAR. Support children who are unable to access Year 3 national curriculum expectations. From £990 (1 Teacher and 1 TA).

[Family STEAM Festival](#)

Saturday 29 September, 10.00 to 16.00, The Spinney Primary School, CB1 9PB. FREE. STEM/STEAM Event designed to encourage parental engagement in children's learning. Over 30 free workshops and shows and a goody bag for every child.

[Effective Teacher Programme - Session 1 Teaching & Learning ideas to become more evidence informed](#)

Session 1 Monday 3 December 2018, 10.00 to 15.00, Trumpington Community College. £95 or £400 for the whole programme.

[English: Stretching and Challenging Year 4's and 5's to pave the way for greater depth](#)

Programme starts on Thursday 4 October 2018, Spinney Primary School. Following the hugely successful launch of Marin Galway's course for Year 6 teachers, this brand NEW course has been designed to extend good greater depth teaching to Year 4 and Year 5 teachers. Cost £300.

[Improving progress in Year 6 \(SFBC\) Session 1 Select 'Briefings'](#)

Tuesday 25 September 13.30-16.30 at the South Fens Business Centre. Year 6 Teachers. From £65 per head. Element 2 members Receive 2 free places.

[Level 5/6 PE Specialism Award](#)

- 8 days during 2018/2019 - Ambury House, Huntingdon

We are currently recruiting for the next cohort of the afPE L5/6 Primary PE subject leadership certificate. These are DfE / OFQUAL recognised qualification to enable primary school teachers to improve and lead the Physical Education curriculum within their schools. It is acknowledged by OFSTED as an example of good use of the PE and Sport Premium funding.

[Secondary Heads of PE Network Meeting](#)

Friday 19 October - 13.30 to 16.30 - Ambury House, Huntingdon.

A meeting wto ensure Heads of PE are up-to-date with the most recent changes in all aspects of PE and school sport, and enable colleagues to consider resources and teaching materials.

[Supporting PE for TAs and Adults Supporting Learning](#)

Monday 5 November - 13.30 to 16.30, Ambury House, Huntingdon.

This course will give colleagues an opportunity to appreciate the content of the Primary PE National Curriculum and what this means in terms of how and what children should be taught.

[Computing At School Primary Hub meeting: Cross curricular Computing and Music using Sonic Pi](#)

Wednesday 26 September 2018, 16.00 to 18.00, Chesterton Community College, CB4 3NY. FREE event (book by clicking link).

Learn hands on how to link Computing to Music for a topic using FREE Sonic Pi.

[Safeguarding Young Adults at Risk of Harm](#)

(for staff who are supporting vulnerable young adults in school)

Friday 12 October 2018, 09:30 to 16:00 at Cambridge Professional Development Centre

[Introduction to Mindfulness](#)

Wednesday 31 October 2018, 13.30 -16.30, Oliver Cromwell Hotel, High Street, March PE15 9LH. Find out more about this form of meditation.

[Developing & Teaching RSE in Primary Schools](#)

Wednesday 14 November 2018. Venue: Huntingdon.

This course will support staff in developing Relationships & Sex Education (RSE) across the primary and special school.

[Effective Responses to Bullying](#)

Thursday 15 November 2018. Ambury House, Ermine Business Park, Sovereign Court, Lancaster Way, Huntingdon, PE29 6XU. This course explores the power of empathy as an effective intervention when bullying occurs.

[Termly Governance Briefing and Networking Sessions \(Autumn Term 2018\)](#)

Six sessions available across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. It is recommended that

all governing boards should aim to send at least one representative. The programme is available on the LTC School Governance Team web-page (for more information click the heading above).

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