

# Schools Newsletter



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## Greetings!

Despite being a short term, I have had a busy and very enjoyable start to my role in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. It has been really positive attending the last round of CPH and CSH meetings and sharing with you my early vision for education. I have been to a number of schools and seen some amazing practice and I look forward to the many school visits I have planned so far for the Summer term. I appreciate this is a busy time for you all but just a reminder of a few things that are happening -

- School survey - The deadline for responses is the 4th April - the survey is [here](#).
- Sir David Carter - National School Commissioner - 27th April at Thomas Deacon Academy in Peterborough from 1:30 until 3pm. This is a rare opportunity to have him in the area and he is a fantastic and thoughtful speaker who will give a great national view on where school improvement is going. Booking page is [here](#). It has a password to enter which is 'SDC'. Places will go fast so don't delay!

I would like to wish you all a pleasant Easter break -

## Quick Links

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## School survey

Please [click here](#) to go to the Cambridgeshire school survey. Closing date 4th April.

## Asbestos Survey

Don't forget to complete the online survey on Asbestos Management at your

thank you for all the hard work you continue to do. I look forward to seeing you in the Summer term. school [here](#).

Best wishes,

Jon

## Save time using the one-stop shop leadership and CPD directory online

A directory of leadership development and CPD training for Cambridgeshire Schools from Teaching School Alliances and the LA is available on the CPD tab of the 'Teach in Cambridgeshire' website. [Click here](#) to access the site or put <https://www.teachincambs.org.uk/cpd/> into your browser. This includes courses, programmes, network meetings and conferences.



Currently the directory is a searchable 'one-stop shop' CPD directory, listing all available training under a range of themes. It has recently been updated following discussions with CPH, to help to ensure that the directory is a helpful resource to schools.

The collaborative Cambridgeshire Teaching School Alliances and LA CPD and Leadership Group is keen to hear your feedback. [Click here](#) to email the group.

## Reducing Teacher Workload

The Department for Education has been working with schools and system leaders to report on ways to reduce teacher workload. A toolkit will be available soon; in the meantime details of the initiative and all the project reports are available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reducing-teachers-workload/reducing-teachers-workload>. A poster and pamphlet for staff rooms can be found [here](#).

## Google for education

Come and see how Trumpington Community College is embracing Google for Education and its benefits. Hear from Adrian Kidd, Headteacher and Sabrina Gray, Senior Lead Teacher about how far they have got and their vision for this Cloud solution for the school. Certified Google Trainers will also take you through using GSuite in the classroom and exploring Chrome.

Thursday 3 May 2018 - [Book the Morning 09.30 to 13.00](#) or the [Twilight 16.15 to 18.00 sessions](#) - Both are FREE and facilitated by The ICT Service.

## Opportunity Area Funding Opportunity

Schools based in the Fenland and East Cambridgeshire Opportunity Area can now apply to a new Evidence Based Fund (EBF) for a grant of up to £25,000, for projects which aim to "Accelerate the progress of disadvantaged children and young people in the acquisition and development of communication, language and reading."

You can submit an application either as an individual school or as a group, where you have identified a project that meets this priority and which demonstrates a strong evidence base for success.

To apply please download the application form available from the OA newsletter [here](#)

and return this in paper copy to the address enclosed or via [email](#).

### Call to action: Plan for your music services now

You have told us that you'd like to plan for your music services early so with this in mind we have opened up bookings now for all Cambridgeshire Music's services from September 2018. We operate throughout Cambridgeshire and our services are subsidised using public funding by the Department for Education and Arts Council England.



We've slashed the cost of [Curriculum music lessons](#) to support music teaching in schools. [Overture](#) is a targeted programme of instrumental learning that supports groups of students to learn to play rarer instruments in school. [Arts therapies](#) are therapeutic interventions similar to counselling that improve mental health and wellbeing. [Music-based mentoring](#) is instrumental tuition that specifically targets vulnerable pupils.

For full details of all our services [visit our website](#).

### Building up capacity of school business managers

The DfE's Schools Commercial Team (SCT), are interested in finding Cambridgeshire School Business Managers to support their work to deliver the [Schools' Buying Strategy](#). The schools' buying strategy aims to support schools to save over £1 billion a year by the 2019 to 2020 academic year on non-staff spend and allow them to invest in high-quality education.

If you are interested in finding out more please contact [Richard Jones](#) or call on 0777 206 0800.

### Horizon scanning

The Department for Education has published new guidance on **free school meal eligibility** and the introduction of transitional protection arrangements under Universal Credit for those already receiving free school meals. The document can be downloaded [here](#).

### Training Courses, Events and Conferences

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

#### [Essential GDPR Tidy Up Workshop for School Administrators](#)

Tuesday 10 April 2018, 09.30 to 12.00, at The ICT Service Training Centre, St Ives. £105 for Annual Support Package Customers, £126 for other Customers. If you are beginning to ask yourself 'Is our data GDPR compliant?', this workshop will help you.

#### [Teaching RSE](#)

Monday 30 April - 13.30 to 16.30pm, Stanton Training Centre, Huntingdon. This course supports staff in primary and special schools, especially those new to teaching Relationships & Sex Education (RSE).

#### [PE Convention](#)

Tuesday 1 May, 13.00 to 16.15, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Schools - Hinchingsbrooke School, Huntingdon. Provide Senior Leaders & PE practitioners with guidance and resources related to PE and Schools Sports provision, and the Primary PE and School Sport Premium funding.

#### [Pool Carers Courses](#)

Wednesday 2 May and Thursday 3 May, The Grove Primary School, CB4 2NB. Two day courses for new pool carers and one day update courses available.

### [East of England & NE London System Leadership Conference 2018](#)



Thursday 3 May 2018, 09.30 to 16.00, Wellcome Genome Conference Centre, Cambridge. Collaborate to innovate: New ways of school to school support. £150 per delegate, £100 per additional MAT/TSA delegate.

### [Outdoor Adventurous Activities](#)

Wednesday 9 May, 09.15 to 16.00, Stukeley Meadows Primary School. This workshop will consider a range of approaches for OAA, and their application across all curricular areas.

### **Microsoft Education**

Thursday 10 May 2018, Godmanchester Bridge Academy. The event will involve workshops and training focused on the following areas: Windows 10, Office 365 (OneNote, Sway and Forms), Teams, Paint 3D, Digital Skills, Microsoft Educator Community. Book the [Morning 09.30 to 13.00](#) or the [Twilight 16.15 to 18.00](#). FREE events facilitated by the ICT Service.

### [Leading Mathematics Briefings](#)

Monday 21 May to Thursday 24 May 2018, at venues across Cambridgeshire, 13:30-16:30. Enabling Maths Subject Leaders to network and develop subject-specific skills. Free for schools with Element 2.

### [Computing at school Cambridge Primary HUB meeting](#)

Thursday 24 May 2018, 16.00 to 18.00, Hardwick and Cambourne Community Primary School, Sheepfold Lane, Lower Cambourne, CB23 6FR. Free CPD session aimed at all primary teachers, heads and subject coordinators who desire to learn more or share expertise about teaching the Primary Computing curriculum.

### [Addressing Challenging Relationships Between Girls](#)

Thursday 7 June, 09.15 to 16.00, Cambridge Professional Development Centre, Trumpington. Designed to support the development of positive relationships between girls.

### [Service children in state schools \(SCISS\) Conference](#)

Friday 15 June 2018, 09.00 to 16.00, RAF Waddington, Lincolnshire, LN5 9NB. Fully funded conference aimed at school senior leaders, Governors, LA officers, welfare and educational professionals who support Service pupils. FREE to attend.

### [Secondary Relationship & Sex Education](#)

Monday 18 June 2018, Stanton Training Centre, Huntingdon. Developing & Teaching RSE in secondary schools. Can attend all day, or just the AM or PM. See website for full details.

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