

Schools Newsletter



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Greetings!

Chesterton Community College are excited to be a leader in teacher training and school improvement in Cambridgeshire and West Norfolk after learning they have been designated a national teaching school at the end of the last academic term. This follows on other endorsements including being graded Outstanding by Ofsted last year, and the school is proud to be one of the highest performing schools in the country last year. Chesterton Community College is very aware that teaching schools have a number of very important roles including training both the next generation of teachers, along with helping those already in the profession keep their skills up to date. Our aim is to support other schools by spreading excellent practice and provide professional and leadership development for teachers and school leaders. We have many support packages to offer schools including support for key groups, teaching and learning, and effective leadership. We are currently working with Ipswich Academy, West Norfolk Academies Trust and Downham Market but looking to expand the number of schools we are supporting.

[Lucy Scott](#), Headteacher, said 'At Chesterton we are delighted to have the opportunity to work with other schools and share our best practice. This opportunity will allow us to work with many other schools which will benefit both the students and staff at Chesterton as well as in those schools.'

[Peter Watts](#) - Assistant Head, Chesterton Community College



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TEACHING SCHOOL ALLIANCE

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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.

Confirmation of School Teachers Pay and Conditions 2018

Please find a letter to all Headteachers in the [Schools News document library](#).

Teaching and Leadership Innovation Fund (TLIF)

The TLIF provides free CPD opportunities for teachers and leaders in schools and areas that need support the most. Enrolment is open now for the following programmes:

- Institute of Physics - professional development programme for physics teachers
- Institute for Teaching - teacher development programme
- Ruth Miskin Training - phonics and early reading programme
- Tom Bennett Training - behaviour management programme
- The Geographical Association - geography and science programme for both primary and secondary teachers.
- The Education Development Trust - Accelerate programme for Early Career Teachers

These programmes are available to teachers and leaders who work in an Ofsted rated grade 3 or grade 4 school which is within:

- one of the 12 opportunity areas
- one of the category 5 and 6 local authority districts (which include Huntingdonshire and Peterborough)

Schools can find out what programmes they are eligible for and enrol for the new school year at: <https://tlif.education.gov.uk/>

New Team Cambridgeshire fostering campaign

Find out more about Team Cambridgeshire's [fostering team](#), along with information any potential foster carer might need. View the video on YouTube [here](#).
cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering

What Should Children Learn? A conference by Jesus College Intellectual forum

Hosted by the [Jesus College Intellectual Forum](#), the conference will consider: what is the real substance of education? On what principles should a good curriculum be determined for a nation? Please look on the website for more details. Schools can apply for grants of £150 to support the cost of travel and teacher cover. Thursday 1 November 2018, 12.15 to 19.00, Frankopan Hall, West court, Jesus College, CB5 8BL.

Book the Life Education Classroom

Book the Life Education Classroom - quality PSHE sessions to deliver drug and health education and support emotional wellbeing.

Two experienced teachers work with pupils aged 3-11 years in specially designed mobile classrooms which are brought to your school. The programmes are age appropriate and designed to build on previous knowledge. Evaluations demonstrate the value and impact of this service.



We have just 10 days available for Autumn 2018 and 17 days in Spring 2019. For more information please email louise.augarde@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Cambs Drive iQ

Now in its second year, National Award Winning 'Cambs Drive iQ' is ideal as a package to support enrichment and FREE to all Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Schools/Colleges. Cambs Drive iQ is a set of 15 online modules aimed at Year 12 students, not just learners, drivers but passengers too. They will learn how to improve skills such as anticipating danger, hazard detection, risk management and eye scanning.



Whilst the modules can be completed in isolation, an initial workshop is useful to introduce the programme aimed at learners, drivers/riders and passengers who all play an important role on any journey. Students will see a range of views and have a chance to reflect on their own thoughts and behaviours.

Anything that we can do to keep our young drivers and their passengers safe has to be beneficial. For more information please contact Cheryl.morgan@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
Tel 07771980103

The work of the Leadership Advisers (previously known as Education Advisers, C Meddle and D Stygal)

We look forward to working with you all over the coming year, and to getting to know all of our new Headteachers as soon as possible. Our role is to support school teams to analyse their current school leadership, policies and practices, and develop strategies to support improvement going forward. Specific support includes:

- Delivery of the Leadership Toolkit as a suite of resources to help policy makers, practitioners and relevant stakeholders (in schools across the Local Authority) to improve standards.
- Supporting 'Educational Disadvantage' such that standards of attainment for disadvantaged pupils improve.
- Assisting Governing Bodies with their statutory responsibility to support the well-being of Head Teachers.
- Advice and signposting with regards to school complaints and allegations.
- Parent mediation on behalf of and to support schools.
- Threat Protocols, School closures, Critical Incident and Business Continuity.
- Co-ordinating the setting of Term Dates.
- General Safeguarding and 'quality and effectiveness' in relation to Safer Recruitment and Safer Recruitment Training
- General/bespoke training for schools as requested or identified through Safeguarding Reviews/Primary Adviser Visits/Ofsted outcomes.

For more information contact [Chris Meddle](#) (Senior Adviser for Leadership) or [Diane Stygal](#) (Leadership Adviser).

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.

Horizon scanning

[New EEF guidance report published: Improving Secondary Science](#)

Seven practical recommendations focused on improving science teaching, particularly for disadvantaged pupils.

Training Courses, Events and Conferences

For a list of all current training courses provided by the Local Authority and

[Family STEAM Festival](#)

Saturday 29 September 2018, 10.00 to 16.00, The Spinney Primary School, CB1 9PB. Key event for Parental Engagement in STEAM Subjects. Over 30 **free** workshops and shows and a goody bag for every child.

[Stretching and challenging Year 4s and 5s to pave the way for greater depth Primary English Courses](#)

Programme starts on Thursday 4 October 2018, Spinney Primary School. £300.

[TSST Physics for Non-Specialists Programme](#)

7 sessions starting Thursday 11 October 2018, Comberton Village College. Free of charge.

[Developing Middle Leaders Programme](#)

4 Twilight sessions starting Tuesday 16 October 2018, Comberton Village College. £250 per delegate.

[Primary Science Conference](#)

Friday 19 October 2018, 09.00 to 15.30, Swavesey Village College. £95 per delegate.

[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.

[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.

[RQT Conference for early career teachers](#)

Thursday 1st November 2018. Marriott Hotel Huntingdon. £70 per head. The theme for RQT conference is ' Working Smarter'. We will be discussing ways to work efficiently and re-duce unnecessary workload.

[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.

[Angry Children](#)

Tuesday 6 November 2018, 09.30 to 15.30, DeafBlind UK, Hampton.

[Basic Child Protection](#)

Wednesday 7 November 2018, 09.30 to 12.30, DeafBlind UK, Hampton.

[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.

[Basic Child Protection](#)

Thursday 15 November 2018, 09.30 to 12.30, The Boathouse Business Centre, Wisbech.

[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.

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.

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

Session 1 on Monday 3 December 2018, 10.00 to 15.00, Trumpington Community College. Explore key research informed principles, and try high impact classroom ideas applicable for any subject, age or phase. £95 or £400 for the whole programme.

[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.

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