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Cambridgeshire Schools Newsletter

Christmas Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Is your school interested in organising a funded Christmas event or trip for children and young people in receipt of benefit-related free school meals and families just managing financially during the school holidays?

The [HAF Programme](#) is looking to fund family experiences, holiday schemes, events and trips this Christmas school holidays, subject to minimum programme requirements, for eligible child/young person.

Please contact us for further information: HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

[Allison Box](#), HAF Programme Co-ordinator

School Improvement Service publishes course brochure



We are pleased to announce that the School Improvement Team's course brochure is available to download from Learn Together by following the link on this [Courses and Training page on the Learn Together website](#). A copy has also been emailed to all Cambridgeshire infant, junior and primary schools. The brochure contains details of courses that form part of Element 2 of the Primary Offer such as Preparing for Assessment along with wider English and maths courses and projects. Mental health training, RE, PE, PSHE and leadership development courses can also be found within its pages. We look forward to welcoming you to training throughout the year.

Your call to action: Mental Health and Suicide training/awareness



September 10 2024 was World Suicide Prevention Day and with the triennial theme

being: "Changing the Narrative on Suicide" there is the call to action of "Start the Conversation". The call to action encourages everyone to start the conversation on suicide and suicide prevention. Every conversation, no matter how small, contributes to a supportive and understanding society.

[World Suicide Prevention Day 2024 \(who.int\)](https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-suicide-prevention-day-2024)

World Mental Health Day is happening on October 10th 2024. The official theme has been chosen as: "It is time to prioritise mental health in the workplace". Your call to action is to be proactive in knowing how/when to support others, and yourself, from a position of information, empathy and confidence.

[World Mental Health Day 2024 - Mental Health UK \(mentalhealth-uk.org\)](https://www.mentalhealth-uk.org/world-mental-health-day-2024)

You can attend Mental Health and Suicide First Aid/ Awareness training throughout the term, booking via [School Improvement Service online calendar \(bookingbug.com\)](https://www.bookingbug.com) [Adult Mental Health Tab].

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Invitation to join the ARU Initial Teacher Training Partnership

Anglia Ruskin University is launching a brand new [BEd \(Hons\) Primary Education with QTS](#) and we are looking for primary schools to join our Partnership and help develop ambitious future teachers for the region. This is a unique opportunity to work with a university recently named [University of the Year 2023](#).

There are a number of ways in which schools and teachers can engage with us, including hosting placements and guest lecturing. Please visit our [partnership webpage](#) or email traintoteach@aru.ac.uk to find out more and express your interest.

Physical Education - teaching safety and teaching safely

Physical Education is inherently the highest risk area of the curriculum, with over 55% of incidents that need medical intervention happening in this area. Furthermore, the average pay out for a broken bone in schools is £60K. With schools introducing more diverse activities, and 28% of primary school teachers feeling inadequately qualified to teach PE, schools have never needed assured support and advice more. Please use The CCC PE Advisory Service as the first port of call for all things related to PE and Sport. For Non CCC LA schools, we have a range of SLAs and support packages available on our [Cambridgeshire PE website pages](#) to make you and your students safer.

Please contact [Ian Roberts](#) for further information

NHS Health Checks on school sites

The NHS Health Check can be conducted on school sites across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to all eligible school staff aged between 40 and 74. The NHS Health Check is a free service delivered by Healthy You to help lower the risk of serious health conditions. It provides a quick and easy lifestyle evaluation as well as signposted support to help lower the risk of high blood pressure, Type 2 diabetes, heart disease, high

cholesterol and a stroke.

Mini Health MOTs can also be undertaken for those members of the school team who are not eligible for the full NHS Health Check; this includes, height, weight, BMI, blood pressure and a lifestyle screening.

Visit: [NHS Health Checks - Healthy You](https://www.nhs.uk/healthchecks/healthy-you) or to organise a school booking contact: jenniferseymour@healthyyou.org.uk or lesleygodfrey@healthyyou.org.uk

Trading Standards warning about magnetic ball fidget toys



Trading Standards are urging schools to be cautious about allowing children to bring high strength magnetic balls into school as fidget toys. The Government issued warnings about these products in 2021 and Addenbrookes hospital has been campaigning for legislative review following a number of life-threatening incidents locally and nationally following ingestion by children. The magnetic balls can cause extreme damage to internal organs when swallowed. They are intended for adults so aren't required to undergo safety testing for child safety, hence they remain legal to sell in the UK, but they're nevertheless appealing to children.

For further information visit [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)

PSHE Service Conference - PSHE for the world we live in

We, at the PSHE Service, are very pleased to announce further details of our 'Conference – PSHE For The World We Live In'. We have created a programme designed to support and inspire school and PSHE leaders from Primary, Secondary and Special Schools. We are excited to welcome a range of national and local speakers, including Jonathan Baggaley CEO of the PSHE Association. Participants will be able to choose from a range of tailored workshops as well as listening to engaging keynote speakers.

Date: Wednesday 9th October 2024

Venue: Delta Marriot Huntingdon

Cost: £175 (for PSHE Service subscribers) £195 (standard price). We are pleased to confirm that if a school sends two members of staff, each staff member will be charged the reduced price of £150.

To book your place please using this [PSHE booking bug link](#).

Support families to create healthier habits with Beezee

Beezee Families is a free award-winning programme that is designed for 4 to 17-year-olds and their families, to help them create healthier habits. The programme provides:

- In-person and online family-focused sessions, packed with practical advice and lots of fun activities to get everyone moving
- Expert tips on nutritious snacks, quick and easy meals to cook together and how to get more active as a family
- An online Academy to learn about healthier habits at an individual pace

The face-to-face families programme for 4–12 year-olds start from W.C 16th September at the Meadows Community Centre, 299 Arbury Road, Cambridge, CB4 2JL (Tuesdays 4 – 6pm)

The online Beezee Families' programmes for 4–12-year-olds start from W.C 16th September for 10 weeks.

The online Beezee Youth programme for 13–17-year-olds start from W.C 30th September for 8 weeks.

To find out more or to secure a place at either the online Academy or one of the face to face sessions, click here: [healthy you lifestyle courses for parents](#)
Any questions, please email: healthyyou@maximusuk.co.uk

To be eligible to take part, families need to be a resident in Cambridgeshire or Peterborough and have a child or children aged 4-17 who are above their ideal weight based on the NHS BMI centile chart.

Cambridgeshire Maths Conference 2024 - Maths for All

The focus of this year's Cambridgeshire Maths Team conference is the use of effective strategies to inspire and engage all pupils in maths. We are pleased to announce our two keynote speakers will be Liz Woodham from NRICH and Kate Frood, the author of 'The A to Z of Primary Maths.'

There will be further workshops on supporting pupils with SEND and those identified as working at greater depth in maths lessons alongside workshops from Richard Brown – Freestyle Maths and David Millington – Natural Curriculum on developing cross curricular mathematics opportunities all of whom, we are sure, will motivate and inspire all conference attendees.

To book your place please go to: [School Improvement Service booking bug link](#)

Free online live World Animal Day event featuring Max and Harvey!



Join in with World Animal Day this October through a fun and informative live event, featuring celebrity singers Max and Harvey. Discover this year's theme, 'Animals – it's their home too' and explore how to make pet homes exciting through planet friendly enrichment activities. Hosted by the Pet Education Partnership – a collaboration of eight of the leading UK animal charities including Woodgreen, RSPCA, Dogs Trust and Cats Protection. Thurs 3 October & repeated Fri 4 October, 1 – 1.45pm. Online webinar. Free.

[Book places here.](#)

Evidence Bites #6 - What every teacher needs to know about reading

'What every teacher needs to know about reading' with Christopher Such, experienced

teacher, school leader, educational author and expert in reading.

Thursday 10 October 2024, 5-7pm

Target Audience: All primary and secondary teachers, HoDs, SLT, middle & subject leaders - particularly those with a focus on English & Reading, School Governors

Venue: Thomas Clarkson Academy, Wisbech, PE13 2SE

The East Cambs & Fenland Evidence Network for schools invite you to join us for Evidence Bites #6 - an informal, professionally energising CPD event. Meet local colleagues, enjoy a bite to eat and hear from an inspiring speaker.

£16 a ticket or use the code MULTI for discount on extra tickets.

For more information, please contact: [Becky Layfield](#)

Breakfast Networking/Wellbeing Seminar for subscribing schools

Cambridgeshire School Business Networking Group (a subscription group for School Business Personnel) is holding a Breakfast Networking/Wellbeing Seminar on Thursday 10 October 2024, at Huntingdon Racecourse. The morning is networking with colleagues along with a talk from Suzanne Stefanelli, CCC Apprenticeship Team, about accessing the Apprenticeship Levy/how to make best use of it and from Sophie Boetcher from Education Support. The afternoon is a Wellbeing Seminar, all things wellbeing! How is your school's approach to Wellbeing? Have you heard of Desktop Yoga before?!?! Then come along..... Breakfast/Lunch/Refreshments included, please sign up using [this School Business Networking Group form](#).

Training and Events

ELKLAN accredited Speech and Language Support for 5-11's – SEND Online calendar booking (bookingbug.com) for teaching assistants (Primary School Staff Only), 11 webinar sessions at 2pm for 1 hour between 09 Jan and 27 Mar as well as online learning. £425 (Inc. Language Builders book).

Engaging Science in Year 5

For Primary Teachers. Thursday 03rd October, 15.30 – 17.30. Remote. £40

Modelling Chemical Change (Part of KS3 Chemistry Subject Knowledge Enhancement series)

For Secondary Teachers. Thursday 24th October, 15.30 – 16.30. £20

An Introduction to the Role of the Primary Science Subject Leader

For Primary Science Leads. Tuesday 12th November, 09.00 – 15.00. Venue: Trumpington Meadows Primary School. £150

Delivering Statutory Safeguarding Requirements in the PSHE Curriculum (Primary & Special Schools)

2nd October 2024 and 21st May 2025 – 1.30pm-3pm, Online. £40 subscribing schools, £50 for non-subscribing schools

Audience: PSHE leads and Designated Safeguarding Leads in primary & special schools.

PSHE Conference 2024

9th October 2024 – 9.30am-4pm. Marriott Hotel, Huntingdon. £175 for subscribing

Schools, £195 for non-subscribing schools. We are pleased to confirm that if a school sends two members of staff, each staff member will be charged the reduced price of £150. This adjustment will be made at the point of invoicing.
Audience: All Staff

PSHE & Personal Development: Preparing for Ofsted

24th October 2024 – 1.30pm-3.30pm. Online. £40 subscribing schools, £50 for non-subscribing schools

Audience: PSHE Subject Leaders and/or senior leaders at primary, secondary and special schools

Level 5 Certificate in Primary School PE Specialism/Level 6 Award in Primary School PE Subject Leadership

6/8 dates starting 4th March 2025 – 9.30am-4.30pm. Sunley House, Papworth Everard. £1125/£1400

Audience: PE Leads and all teachers in primary school PE. It is also ideal for HLTAs, Tas and sports coaches employed in schools.

Developing an Inspirational PE Curriculum for the 21st Century

22nd October 2024, 1.30pm-3.30pm. Online. £49 for Cambs maintained schools, £54 for Cambs Academies and all non-Cambs schools

What does outstanding PE look like in Primary Schools

5th November 2024, 1.30pm-3.30pm. Online. Online. £49 for Cambs maintained schools, £54 for Cambs Academies and all non-Cambs schools

Audience: Any teacher, coach or assistant in the primary phase

SIS - Preparing for the MTC: A whole school approach – Maths Tab

For Maths Subject Leaders. Session 1 of 2. Tuesday 1 October 2024, 13.30– 16:00. Over Community Centre. £130 for Cambs LA schools & £150 for academies and out of county schools for attendance at both sessions.

SIS – Developing Spoken Language: A whole school approach – English Tab

For English Subject Leaders / Teachers responsible for Oracy development. Wednesday 2 October 2024, 13:30 – 16:30. Stanton House. £75 for Cambs LA schools & £85 for academies and out of county schools.

SIS - Developing Oracy in Mathematics Project – Maths Tab.

For Maths Subject Leaders and primary teachers. Session 1 of 3. Tuesday 1st October 2024, 13:30 to 16:30. Over Community Centre. £195 for all 3 sessions for Cambs LA schools, Cambs Academies and out of county schools.

Managing allegations and low-level concerns (Book under Leadership and Management of Safeguarding Tab)

Audience: Headteachers, Senior Leaders, Designated Safeguarding Leads across all phases who may be required to respond to allegations about staff.

Monday 30 September 11.00-12.00

Virtual course, £35

Safeguarding for support staff (Book under Leadership and Management of Safeguarding Tab)

Audience: Headteachers, Senior Leaders, Designated Safeguarding Leads across all phases who wish to access resources for training support staff in the culture of safeguarding and the implications of the code of conduct.

Friday 11 October 09.30-10.30

Virtual course, £35

Single Central Record Training (Book under Leadership and Management of Safeguarding Tab)

Audience: Headteachers, Senior Leaders, Administrative staff and Governors who are required to update, review or audit the SCR.

Tuesday 15 October 13.30-14.30

Virtual course, £35

Quick links

- [SEND Information Hub \(Local Offer\)](#)
- [SEND OAP toolkits - Learn Together](#)
- [Cambridgeshire Learn Together](#)
- [Cambridgeshire County Council](#)
- [Local Authority and Teaching School CPD offer](#)
- [Early Years, Childcare, and School Readiness Service](#)
- [Knowledge Hub](#)
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