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Cambridgeshire Schools Newsletter

School Health Pulse provides the latest research on children and young people's health

School Health Pulse has been developed by researchers at Cambridge University as a means for teachers to access bite-sized summaries of the latest research across several health themes. A number of the reports and articles can be accessed for free from the website: [School Health Pulse](#)

There is also the option to sign up to the newsletter: [School Health Pulse Newsletter sign-up](#)

For further information, contact: [Dr Mairead Ryan](#)

Annual Activity Survey and Year 11 Destinations Booklet update

Between September and December, the local authority completes the Annual Activity Survey and records the destination activity of all year 11 leavers as well as year 12 leavers. This equates to approximately 14,000 young people in Cambridgeshire.

We have a deadline of Friday 31 January to return data to the department for education and we are on track for completing this on time.

Once we have submitted, we will compile a destinations booklet for all year 11 leavers for Cambridgeshire, and school specific reports, which will be shared with schools just after February half term.

For queries, please contact [Mark Cowdell](#)

Religious Education resources

The Woolfe Institute has a number of free interfaith resources for KS3 and KS4 available on their website which complement a Religion and Worldviews approach to RE. The

resources include teachers guides, videos, lesson plans, glossaries, and discussions encouraging students to relate content to their own experience and worldviews.

Schools can also invite Woolf Institute scholars and students to deliver the content in person; or book a Lunchtime Online visit where a single researcher (staff or postgraduate student) can meet with a gathering of students over Zoom or Teams at lunchtime.

[Woolf Institute](#)

Climate and Nature Action in Education: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough event

The Department for Education set a target for all education settings to have a sustainability lead and a climate action plan in place by 2025, to help embed sustainability in all they do. Grafham Water Centre is on hand to help!

On Monday 3 February, Grafham Water Centre is proud to be hosting Climate and Nature Action in Education: Cambs and Peterborough. This is a FREE full day event with the aim of supporting schools, colleges, sixth forms, and universities in developing climate action plans and sustainability initiatives, and will include context setting, collaborative action planning sessions, and practical workshops.

[Climate and Nature Action in Education: Cambs and Peterborough Event.](#)

We are delighted to be working alongside the following partners in this event: University of East Anglia, Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research, Climate Ambassadors, Climate Education, Cambridgeshire County Council, Let's Go Zero, National Education Nature Park and Climate Action Award and Sustainability Support for Education.

Email: [Grafham Water Centre](#)

Swimming pool carers and qualifications

Schools are reminded that they should not operate their pool unless the plant is serviceable and is operated by a qualified and trained, nominated Pool Carer. All staff managing school pools, the operation and upkeep of water treatment plant, chemicals, equipment and water hygiene chemicals must be trained on the LA approved course of instruction covering the full scope of their duties.

All Pool managers must obtain the CCC or equivalent Small Pool Operator's Certificate and must re-validate this training every 3 years by attending an update seminar.

Full details of the CC Swimming Pool Guidance are available at the following link:

[Swimming and Water Safety](#)

Upcoming courses are available at the following link: [PE Advisory Service](#) Courses are available in March and April 2025.

For further information please contact [Ian Roberts](#)

The NSPCC East of England Campaigns Team provides online safety sessions for parents

Further to the free online safety sessions that have been well attended since November, the last session in the current series is taking place on Monday 17 February at 6 pm. Themes such as cyberbullying, social media, sharing images and gaming will be addressed.

Places can be booked here: [Online Safety Sessions for Parents and Carers | Eventbrite](#)

Please share these details as applicable.

The NSPCC also delivers face to face as well as virtual workshops for schools and these can be arranged by contacting Ellen.Smith@NSPCC.org.uk

Eat Them to Defeat Them - National campaign to encourage children to eat more veg!

The National Eat Them to Defeat Them campaign by Veg Power has partnered with local growers as well as the Public Health Directorate to enable local primary schools to participate in 2025.

Schools have until Friday 31 January to register and all participating schools will then receive a range of free digital as well as physical resources to help inspire the children to eat more vegetables. There are lesson plans and assemblies which are designed to bring to life five selected vegetables – peas, sweetcorn, peppers, broccoli and carrots!

Find out more and register here: [Schools - Eat Them To Defeat Them](#)

The funded places are limited and will be allocated on a first to register basis.

Primary Physical Education Pow-Wow

We are hosting the Primary PE POW-WOW, on Tuesday 16 March (3.45pm – 5.00pm). This is an online PE subject leaders' networking event free of charge to all CCC LA primary settings, and Academies that have a membership package with us.

The session will enable PE Curriculum leaders to be up-to-date with the most recent changes in PE and school sport, and support colleagues to consider strategies to be advocates for the subject. There will be a nominal cost of £25 to other non-CCC schools who wish to attend.

[More information and booking link.](#)

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

An invitation to 'A Caring Cambridgeshire' convention

[A Caring Cambridgeshire](#) - Friday 21 March 2025

we are hosting a convention aimed at bringing together multi-agency partners to support Cambridgeshire's progress towards being a more 'Caring Cambridgeshire' through a relational and trauma informed approach.

Sarah Callaghan invites senior leaders in education to join us for a transformative convention designed to raise awareness of Cambridgeshire's **Inclusion for All, Families First** and the developing **Corporate Parenting Strategy**, providing cross sector opportunities to collaborate and innovate.

Keynote speakers will share their experience of success in related fields.

The event is being held at Hinxton Hall Conference Centre, Wellcome Genome Campus, Hinxton. (Lunch will be provided).

Click the heading above to book your place.

Evidence Bites #7 'Building a Positive School Culture' with Sonia Thompson

['Building a Positive School Culture', with Sonia Thompson, Headteacher, Director St Matthews Research School. Oracy Commissioner](#)

Tuesday 25 March 5 - 7 pm

Target Audience: Primary and secondary teachers, headteachers, senior leadership, school governors; anyone with an interest in schools/education.

Venue: Vista Academy Littleport, Camel Road, CB6 1EW

The East Cambs and Fenland Evidence Network for schools invites you to Evidence Bites #7 - an informal, professionally energising CPD event to gain valuable insights and discover practical strategies to apply in your school settings.

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](#)

Cambridgeshire Music offers Stage and Screen February half term workshops for students

Stage and Screen: Shakespeare Remixed!

Cambridgeshire Music has asks you to share details of their February Half Term Workshops with parents.

KS2: 17 - 18 February 2025

KS3: 19 - 20 February 2025. £90 per two day workshop.

Two-day Shakespeare: Remixed! workshops, exploring the work of William Shakespeare with a modern twist! Students will work on acting, music as well as prop making to transform these traditional stories into brand new performances.

The course will run from 10 am to 3 pm daily at Cambridgeshire Music Histon, with a performance at 2:15 pm on 18 February for KS2 and 2:15 pm on 20 February for KS3.

Please visit [Stage & Screen - Holiday Workshops / Cambridgeshire Music](#) for booking information.

Training and Events

SIS - Leading Maths – Core Training Offer Tab

For Maths Leads, In person training - Tuesday 4 February 2025 – Hunts FA and Wednesday 5 February 2025 – Trumpington Meadows Primary School and Online Thursday 6 February 2025 09:30– 12:00. Free to schools who have purchased the Core Training Package from the Primary Offer or £65 per person for Cambs LA schools & £75 per person for academies and out of county schools.

SIS - Leading English – Core Training Offer Tab

For English Leads, In person training - Tuesday 4 February 2025 – Hunts FA and Wednesday 5 February 2025 – Trumpington Meadows Primary School and Online Thursday 6 February 2025 13:30– 16:00. Free to schools who have purchased the Core Training Package from the Primary Offer or £65 per person for Cambs LA schools & £75 per person for academies and out of county schools.

SIS – Developing Practice for ECTs – English Tab

For ECTs, Session 3 (of 4) Developing Speakers & Readers. Wednesday 12 February 2025, 15:30– 17:30. Online. £50 per person for Cambs LA schools & £60 per person for academies and out of county schools.

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

Audience: Headteachers, Senior Leaders who want to develop a school culture where safeguarding is an evident priority.

Friday 28 February 13.30-14.30

Virtual course, £35

Managing Allegations and Low-Level Concerns (Book under Leadership and Management of Safeguarding Tab)

Audience: Headteachers, Senior Leaders who respond to allegations or complaints.

Thursday 13 March 11.00-12.00

Virtual course, £35

Dealing with Challenging Parents (Book under Leadership and Management of Safeguarding Tab)

Audience: Headteachers, Senior Leaders who respond to challenging parents.

Thursday 20 March 09.30-11.00

Virtual course, £55

Drug and Alcohol Education in Primary and Special Schools

12th February 2025, 3.30pm-5.30pm. Online. £40 subscribing schools, £50 for non-subscribing schools.

Audience: All staff

Exploring Gender

25th February 2025, 3.30pm-5pm or 4th June 2025, 2pm-3.30pm. Online. £40 subscribing schools, £50 for non-subscribing schools.

Audience: All staff in primary, special and secondary schools

Teaching RSE in Primary & Special Schools

30th April 2025, 3.30pm-5.30pm. Online. £40 subscribing schools, £50 for non-subscribing schools.

Audience: PSHE Leads and teachers in primary and special schools.

Training for New or Inexperienced PE Subject Leaders in Primary Schools

13th February 2025, 1.30pm-3.30pm. Online. £49 for Cambs maintained schools, £54 for Cambs Academies and all non-Cambs schools
Audience: Teachers and coaches who have been given responsibility for the leadership of PE in primary schools and settings.

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.
Level 5 £1125/Level 6 (incl level 5) £1400
Audience: PE Leads and all teachers in primary school PE. It is also ideal for HLTAs, TAs and sports coaches employed in schools.

Making Sense of Assessment in PE

6th March 2025, 1.30pm-3.30pm, Online. £49 for Cambs maintained schools, £54 for Cambs Academies and all non-Cambs schools
Audience: Primary, Special & Secondary school teachers who teach physical education.

Introduction to the Micro:bit for KS2

For teachers of KS2 computing, Wednesday 12th February, 16:15 – 17:45, Live Remote CPD. Free.

Leading Primary Computing – Module 1

For new subject leaders of computing, Friday 14th February, 10:00 – 16:00, Wisbech. Free, with £205 supply-cover subsidy for eligible schools.

Leading Primary Computing – Module 3

For experienced subject leaders of computing, Friday 14th March, 10:00 – 16:00, Bedford. Free, with £205 supply-cover subsidy for eligible schools.

Moderating Year 2 Teacher Assessment

For Year 2 Teachers, 3rd April 2025, 13:30 – 16:00
Face to Face Winhills Primary, St Neots - £60

Moderating Year 6 Writing

For Year 6 Teachers, 24th April 2025, 13:30 – 16:00
Face to Face Winhills Primary, St Neots - £60

English Subject Lead Day

Primary English Subject Leads, 28th April 2025, 08:45 – 14:30
Face to Face Winhills Primary, St Neots - £95

Assessment in the Foundation Subjects

For DHTs, Assistant HTs, Subject Leaders of Foundation Subjects
Monday 3 March 2025, Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC), 9.30 - 3.15
£149 per person per session (£109 per person for second and subsequent delegates).
Light lunch provided.

Engaging Science in years 1 & 2

For Primary Teachers. Tuesday 04th February, 15.30 – 17.30. Online webinar. £40

Working Scientifically (KS3 Chemistry Subject Knowledge Enhancement)

For Secondary Teachers. Thursday 13th February, 15.30 – 16.30. Online webinar. £20

Forces Fundamentals (KS3 Physics Subject Knowledge Enhancement)

For Secondary Teachers. Tuesday 18th February, 16.00 – 17.15. Online webinar. £20



Quick links

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