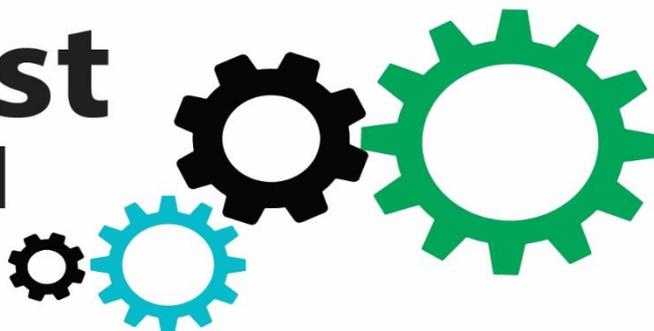


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STOP PRESS Mental Wellbeing Week

30 webinars delivered across 5 days

9 Staff Mental Wellbeing (yoga, mindfulness, nutrition, stress, sleep)

21 Staff / Pupil Mental Wellbeing

9 watch anytime (previously delivered live and only recordings available)

5 live webinars (no recordings made)

16 live streamed and recordings available after the event

86 schools signed up (51 Primary and 35 Secondary)

1500+ webinars were viewed (as of 2nd November)

WWW

"It is good to recognise that mental health is an issue for staff and students"

"The sleep optimisation was excellent and so was the caffeine and sugar webinar. Great explanations and very professional"

EBI

"Being able to do more sessions"

"I just wish I had more time available to watch some of the other workshops as I am sure they would all be very helpful!"

Links to a full report by Jude Owens, TSSW can be found [here](#)

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Kingsbridge Research School

Research Sessions | Introduction to EEF models:

Friday 5th February Spring | 60 minute webinar (09:00 - 10:00) | An Introduction to Collaborative Learning,

[To book your place click here](#)

FREE to attend

Save the date:

Friday 11th June Summer | 60 minute webinar (time tbc) | What are the principles of good implementation?

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Plymouth Oracy Project for Primary Schools for 2020-2021

The programme is being funded by Devon Local Authority and we are mainly targeting recruitment of Devon Primary Schools; but there is also the opportunity for schools from Plymouth and Torbay to get involved in the programme. The programme is **free** to schools in the Devon area please [click here](#) for more information

Plymouth Teaching School Alliance (PTSA) and TSSW are working with Devon Local Authority to deliver The Plymouth Oracy Project to primary schools in Devon for this academic year. This is a funded Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme supported by a range of high-quality resources.

Delivered by PTSA accredited trainers, it will build on the strong impact measures achieved in Plymouth schools, and trials this year in Torridge (North Devon) and Somerset that have showed similar positive outcomes.

Programme Content to include:

- Day One - Foundation Building Blocks for Oracy Development, Developing an Effective Model to Implement Oracy and Starter Activities to Develop Oracy in Schools.
- Twilight One – Assessment and Progression within Oracy
- Day Two - The Importance of Vocabulary Development in Students and How to Improve the Teaching of Vocabulary.
- Day Three - Developing Oracy Pastorally/ Through the News (The Economist Foundation)
- Day Four - An Introduction to Dialogic Teaching • Day Five - Visiting Good Practice in a Primary School and Impact Report Presentations

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EdTech: Creating an Outstanding Blended Learning Environment

Introduction The importance of EdTech as a tool in providing high quality education has increased significantly since school closures were first announced in March 2020.

In the Covid-19 recovery phase, schools are ambitious to accelerate the creation of high-quality Blended Learning Environments, where remote and school-based education are effectively integrated.

This is matched by expectations from the DfE:

“Remote education may need to be an essential component in the delivery of the school curriculum for some pupils, alongside classroom teaching, or in the case of local lockdown. All schools are therefore expected to plan to ensure any pupils educated at home for some of the time are given the support they need to master the curriculum and make progress.”

DfE Guidance for Full Opening (Schools) 2 July 2020

TSSW is delighted to be working with Broadclyst Community Primary School (BCPS), part of the Cornerstone Academy Trust, which has an international reputation for its use of technology in education and has been awarded EdTech Demonstrator School status by the Department for Education for 2020. The EdTech programme is being delivered by a consortium, including the National Grid for Learning, Sheffield Hallam University and The Education Foundation to help other schools in the region get the best out of education platforms. We have designed a comprehensive package of programmes outlined [here](#) to support schools at every level on their EdTech journey.

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BATH SPA CHARTERED COLLEGE NETWORK VIRTUAL TeachMeet

RETHINKING TEACHMEET NORMAL

Wednesday 25 November 2020, 4.00-5.30pm

How has pedagogy changed in response to a global pandemic?

Come and find out as the South West CCT network rethinks normal. Join our first South West CCT Virtual TeachMeet to discuss and share ideas.

- 4.00 Welcome
- 4.10 Practical considerations: just how do you know what they know? Becky Drew
- 4.20 Assessment and literacy implications by Linda Ferris
- 4.30 Rethinking practical science by Karen Collins and Amanda Clegg Break and chat box discussion
- 4.50 Addressing the disadvantage gap by Jon Eaton 5.00-Using new technologies Google classroom by Gary Hart
- 5.10 Hybrid teaching by Elaine Hayes
- 5.20 Rocks of well-being by Andrew Wright
- 5.30 Closing remarks

[Book a place](#)

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Maths Hubs Network Collaborative Projects 2020/21 NCP20-21

Developing A Level Pedagogy Work Groups

The spring/summer terms the '**Developing A-Level Pedagogy**' **Work Group** will be running as part of a partnership between Jurassic Maths Hub, NCETM and the AMSP. The Work Group is intended for experienced teachers of A-Level who wish to lead the development of pedagogy in A level teaching with other colleagues in their own or other schools/colleges. This Work Group will explore a variety of strands including the use of technology, assessment and developing student's independent learning. The content of the meetings will be tailored to the needs of the members of the group.

There will be an **introductory session** on **Wednesday 25th November 1615-1715**, to find out more about the programme, meet other participants and discuss your individual needs.

The workshops will take place online, from **1615-1815**, on the following dates: **20th January, 10th February, 3rd March, 17th March, 28th April, 12th May.**

[Click Here for more information](#)

For more information please email: PapeA@poolegrammar.com or jurassicmaths@woodroffe.co.uk

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CODE Hub Secondary Offer

We are looking for collaborative partners to join the **Challenging Topics Work Group – which aims to raise students' attainment** More information on the project and how to join can be found, please [click here](#)

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National Tutoring Programme



National Tutoring Programme

The National Tutoring Programme (NTP) aims to support schools in providing a sustained response to the coronavirus pandemic and to provide a longer-term contribution to closing the attainment gap.

The NTP will do this by making high-quality tutoring available to schools to help disadvantaged pupils, through two pillars: Tuition Partners, delivered through the Education Endowment Foundation; and Academic Mentors, by Teach First.

Tuition Partners

Schools can access tutoring from an accredited tutoring provider which has passed a set of rigorous quality benchmarks.

Academic Mentors

Trained graduates will be employed by schools in the most disadvantaged areas to provide intensive support to their pupils.

How your school can get involved:

- [Register with Teach First](#)
- [Sign up for NTP updates](#)
- [FAQs](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)
- Contact the team at info@nationaltutoring.org.uk

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The National Governance Association (NGA)

is a not-for-profit organisation with a strong track record of delivering governance leadership programmes in cooperation with partners across England.

Clerks Programme | With at least three months experience currently working in all school and trust settings. It helps develop the knowledge and skills needed for high-quality clerking.

[Click Here for Plymouth Secondaries](#)

[Click Here for Non-Plymouth Primaries and Secondaries](#)

Chair Programme | Full funded by the Department for Education (DfE) and provides chairs, vice chairs, committee chairs and future chairs with opportunities for developing leadership skills and confident governance.

[Click Here for Plymouth based Secondaries](#)

[Click Here for Non Plymouth Based Primaries and Secondaries](#)

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Oxford University Press

We are proud to announce the latest Word Gap report from [Oxford University Press](#) and the Centre For Education and Youth. This is such a vital issue right now - particularly with the impact of school shutdowns on children's learning this year.

Please, share this [link](#) with the teachers you know, they need all the support we can give them.

Primary Maths

Free Maths Review Service – Contact Dawn Nunn – dawn.nunn@oup.com to book a Maths Review for your Primary School

Some schools we talk to continue to plan investment in new maths resources to support reasoning to problem solving and embed fluency. Others are looking to make **better use of what they already have**. Whatever your approach, we can help with our **free Maths Review Service**. Your local Oxford Maths Specialist, can review your current resources, whilst helping you to identify the issues you need to address. We will give you a summary of recommendations including where relevant blended (print and online) resources and PD.



[NEW Numicon Online Professional Development only £99!](#) Learn how the Numicon approach supports catch up and intervention. Confidently use the resources to lead a staff INSET 5 modules you can access at any time within a 12 month period. The perfect programme to support you in identifying and addressing gaps

Primary Literacy



[Oxford Owl eBook Library](#) – Expand the number of eBooks your students can access on Oxford Owl through this simple eBook Library subscription. To discuss options of school subscriptions, email: shelley.ross@oup.com

Secondary

[Revise with Oxford](#) – for orders & quotes, email: Georgina.peters@oup.com

Digital revision support: available on [Kerboodle](#) including Exam Pulse updates giving the most relevant exam support and revision resources:

- Free support including revision planners and posters
- [Browse our full list of Revision Guides and Workbooks](#), and order through your school account to get 40% off the RRP

Support for Secondary Schools

Prem Hirani, T: 07786 662328, F: 0844 332 0401 E: prem.hirani@oup.com

Find out more about how we can support your school with remote learning [here](#)



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