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KINGSBRIDGE RESEARCH SCHOOL

Support schools through the Covid-19 crisis by donating to The Sunday Times Appeal in partnership with the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF)

The EEF have re-launched their appeal with The Sunday Times to support schools in disadvantaged communities. The money raised will support charities and schools in their efforts to get the best help to those who need it most in the coming weeks and months:

- Working to ensure no child goes hungry.
- Providing practical guidance and resources for home learning.
- Catch-up teaching for children at risk of falling behind.

You can make a donation to the appeal

here: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/sundaytimeschristmasappeal2019>



Webinar exploring the best evidence on supporting pupils to learn remotely

As schools plan to reintegrate pupils back into the classroom, as well as continuing to provide remote learning, this webinar will explore the best evidence on supporting pupils to learn remotely. One of the key findings from the EEF's very recent rapid evidence assessment is that school closures are likely to reverse progress made to close the gap in the last decade since 2011. It also states that supporting effective remote learning will mitigate the extent to which the gap widens.

With the future looking uncertain, but likely to involve a mix of remote and classroom learning, Steve Smith, Director of HISP Research School, will reflect on and explore the lessons learnt from teaching live online lessons. Catch-up with these Webinars

Week 1 - <https://youtu.be/uRPyxhYfg-E>

Week 2 – [Watch the recording here](#)

The easiest way to keep in touch with the work of the Research School including any upcoming online events is to sign up to receive the free e-newsletter via this link:

<https://researchschool.org.uk/kingsbridge/news/newsletter/>

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2. TSSW Ambition Programme

We are pleased to share details of the two curriculum leadership development programmes: [Curriculum Specialists](#) and [Curriculum Leaders](#).

TSSW, have considered how best to support schools to improve Ofsted outcomes. The Curriculum Agenda is now stronger than ever. However there is a view in the profession that we as leaders do not have the level of training yet to match the high expectations set out in the Ofsted Inspection framework. This is why we are focusing on Curriculum leadership; both at senior and middle levels.

We have partnered with a leading national provider – [Ambition Institute](#) – who we think offer two programmes of real depth and quality that have the potential to have a significant impact on the Curriculum Agenda within our schools.

If you would like to find out more please let me know. Bookings would need to be made **before Friday 10th July**.

Summary Information:

Curriculum Specialists - Link to flyer	Curriculum Leaders - Link to flyer
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Middle Leaders• 12 month programme• 6 face to face events• £1750 per person• Start: Oct 2020• Venue: Central Devon area• Value for money: retails at £2500 nationally for delivery at University of Warwick	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior Leaders• 18 month programme• 9 face to face events• £3600 per person• Start: Oct 2020• Venue: Central Devon area• Value for money: retails at £3500 nationally for delivery at University of Warwick

Booking Links:

- Curriculum Specialists [Book Here](#)
- Curriculum Leaders [Book Here](#)

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3. Mental Health and Wellbeing Programme of events

Webinars:

Jo Billington, Mental Health Trainer

SEND Autism Specialist – Charlie Waller Memorial Trust (CWMT) <https://www.cwmt.org.uk/>

A one hour webinar on Autism and Mental Health including the effects of COVID19 .

We know it might be challenging for autistic pupils to go back to school after a long break. This webinar will provide some suggestions for school leaders, teachers and teaching/classroom assistants to help prepare for and manage the transition back to school for autistic pupils, following the easing of some of the Government's Covid-19 lockdown measures. As part of the webinar Jo will include some academic content and evidence; as well as providing a toolkit of strategies that can be developed and adapted to use in individual schools.

7/7/20 at 15:30. [Register HERE](#)

A follow up webinar in September.

A discussion based webinar. Delegates will have had time to reflect on the first session and will be invited to bring anonymised cases to discuss. Success stories will be shared as well as cases for which delegates require guidance.

15/9/20 at 15:30

Wellbeing Week – 19th to 23rd October 2020

A week-long series of webinars free to SWTSA member schools to sign up for, covering Mental Wellbeing of staff and pupils. Registered schools will have extended access, for up to one month, to the majority of webinars after this week meaning you can attend to suit you!

Below is a small selection of the 20+ webinars on offer - being delivered by local and national experts in their fields.

- Staff Well Being - a whole school approach
- Mental Health for Schools - A strategic approach
- National Hub for supervision everyone's business!
- Emotional Logic
- The role of nutrition when supporting stress and anxiety, low mood and depression
- Yoga
- Monitoring staff wellbeing

Programme details will be released shortly.

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Mental Well-Being Support in our Schools – an invitation to feedback and share [Mental Well-Being Questionnaire](#)

SWTSA and TSSW are collaborating with Educational Psychologists, Real Training, Charlie Waller Memorial Trust charity, Five Areas and Public Health Devon and Exeter University in order to provide expert Mental Well-Being help and guidance for our schools. CPD sessions are being prepared for remote delivery (in the first instance) with academic content and a toolkit of strategies for teachers to use in the classroom to manage the return to school. You can see signposting to resources and websites on our TSSW website [here](#).

More immediately, an important part of the development work is to understand how children and young people in our schools have been affected by the impact of Covid-19 and how we can adapt our support. This is where I would like to encourage you to share your views and experiences and to invite you to complete a **short [Mental Well-Being questionnaire](#)** .

It takes about two to three minutes to complete and we will be using the feedback to inform our next steps. Thank you in advance for your time and input – we really appreciate your contribution.

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TSSW Provider-led Chartered Teacher Programme - Information Webinar for School Leaders

The Chartered Teacher Programme is a 15-month teacher certification programme, aligned to the Chartered College's aims to raise the status of the profession and support teachers to acquire the expertise necessary to maintain excellence in teaching and secure the best outcomes for children and young people.

As part of our second recruitment window TSSW would like to offer Senior Leaders the opportunity to attend an information webinar about the programme, delivered by the Chartered College.

The webinar will be held on **Wednesday the 24th June at 4:15pm**.

Interested parties can register by heading to the registration page [here](#).

For more information on the programme please visit our website

<https://www.teachingschools-sw.org.uk/> (CTeach tab).

Or contact Sarah Frame (SFrame@teachingschools-sw.org.uk) CTeach Programme Lead.

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6. Teach First 'Early Career Framework' Programme in 2020-2021

Teach First, in partnership with TSSW, is offering all Secondary NQTs the opportunity to take up the Teach First 'Early Career Framework' Programme in 2020-2021.

The main features of the offer are:

- Premium quality programme: Teach First is a leading national training provider which has developed a premium ECF programme for NQTs and NQT+1 through a team of leading expert national advisers.
- Blended learning approach: The programme combines self-directed study through a state-of-the-art learning platform, group seminars and instructional coaching with the in-school Mentor; the approach is not reliant on NQTs going off-site, which in the COVID-19 recovery phase will maximise time spent in lessons.
- Builds high impact mentoring: NQT mentor will receive training and support to hone instructional coaching skills. Mentors will have full access to the ECF learning platform, so they can track and support NQT progress.
- Free programme with unlimited places: the DfE are rolling out early the ECF in response to COVID 19 to strengthen support for NQTs who would have had a shortened teacher training year. All aspects of training for NQTs and Mentors are free. Cover costs and travel expenses will also be significantly reduced.

Combining strong local expertise: TSSW will play a key partnership role in delivery. Early career leads from TSSW will be trained to deliver aspects of the Teach First programme, including the webinars for NQTs and Mentors and as well as Mentor Group Sessions. This enables us to combine strong local expertise with a premium national programme.

Further information about the programme can be found:

- Programme Flyers [Here](#), and PPT: [PDF slides here](#) or on our Web Site here

To book a place for a free place for an NQT for 2020-2021:

- Have to hand NQT details (including their new school email address if possible) and Mentor details
- Use the following booking link: [here](#)
- Complete bookings by **Friday 10th July 2020**

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Ed-Tech Festival

The New Normal: Delivering education in an evolving edtech world

Dates: 6th and 7th July

A **free** two-day online EdTech festival, designed to support educators across the UK in bringing technology into every aspect of their professional development as the 'new normal' for the delivery of education emerges.

Across both days there will be the opportunity for staff to choose between over one hundred sessions; comprising keynote speakers, presentations, panel debates and live lesson workshops. The sessions are organised into ten key strands, of leadership & governance, safeguarding & wellbeing, computing & coding, learning platforms, devices & tech, SEND and Inclusion, wider curriculum, STEM & science, Early Years & KS1 and business and admin, making this a fantastic opportunity you and your colleagues. It probably is about 80 hrs of free CPD delivered by some great speakers from across the world.

To register for the event please as staff to [click here](#), and we will then send them a separate booking form for the individual sessions. The two days will allow staff to create a personalised journey of relevant professional development.

A key component of the EdTech festival is the showcasing of virtual 'live lessons' where delegates will be able to see the technology in use with children and will be able to interact with the teacher and children to ask relevant questions that will support them in the EdTech deployment in their own school.

Hear from industry experts and high profile speakers, whose perspectives on learning technology are set to shape the future of education. Join us in the classroom and observe the utilisation of Ed-Tech in action. Together we will examine the challenges ahead and query the shape of things to come.

[REGISTER FOR YOUR FREE PLACE NOW](#)

Jonathan Bishop, CEO & Executive Headteacher
Cornerstone Academy Trust

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8. DfE publish list of online education resources for home education.

The DfE has [published a list of online education resources](#) for use with distance learning.

9. AQA Offer

Webinar:

Jen Obaditch, Head of Projects at AQA, is delivering a webinar on Friday 3 July at 3.30 p.m. (1 hour). Jen will talk through “what we know / don’t know about the next academic year in terms of assessments” and there will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

You can book via this link: <https://bit.ly/3f0DWA5> or via the website <https://www.aqa.org.uk/coronavirus/looking-ahead-to-2021>

Resources: AQA has also developed a new Quick Guide to support teachers in delivering the EPQ remotely.

- The new Quick guide is live on the website here: <https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/subjects/AQA-7993-W-TG-RD.PDF>

This has been developed to support teachers in using a range of resources – including two Futurelearn courses produced by the Universities of Southampton and Bath – to deliver the EPQ to students learning remotely.

- It’s also in the resource list for EPQ here: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/projects/project-qualifications/EPQ-7993/teaching-and-learning-resources>

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10. TSC SW Guidance and Support for Remote Learning during the COVID-19 Pandemic

To support educators with school closures, Gavin Richards at **TSC SW** has created a **page on the CPD Portal which aims to aggregate and share resources, experiences and guidance on how best to manage remote learning and working.**

You can access the page from:

<https://www.cpdportal-sw.org/system-leader-directory/remote-learning-working>

The page can be accessed from the ‘**Find Support**’ menu on <https://www.cpdportal-sw.org>

We’re also curating a bank of resources via the Twitter feed **@remotelearning** (If you’re on Twitter please follow the account).

This page is open access for every school leader and teacher in our region.

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