



NST Newsletter: Friday 18th September 2020

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Member Meeting Dates

Our member meeting dates for 2020-21 have just been set – please hold these dates and times in your diaries!

- Autumn Term: **Wednesday 7th October 2020, 9.45am to 10.45am.** The meeting will take place online.
- Spring Term: **Wednesday 3rd February 2021, 10.00am to 11.30am.**
- Summer Term: **Wednesday 23rd June 2021, 10.00am to 11.30am.**

We are hoping (Covid permitting) to hold the spring and summer term meetings face to face, but we will confirm this nearer the time.

The Local Authority will be running their Headteacher Briefings on the same dates, immediately prior to the NST meetings – further details to follow.

Consultation for maintained schools only on proposed changes to Nottingham City Council's Scheme for financing schools

Please find attached a letter outlining the LA's proposals for amending the Scheme for financing schools and a draft copy of the revised scheme. To reduce the burden on maintained schools at this very busy time the LA has tried to keep the input required from schools to a minimum by assuming no response to the proposals is agreed

acceptance of the changes. If however, you do feel you wish to comment on the proposals please email them to school.funding@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

The closing date of the consultation is midday on Wednesday 30 September 2020.

The responses to the consultation will then be included in a report to Schools Forum on **13 October 2020** where maintained schools approval will be sought to the changes to the Scheme.

International Schools Award – do you need a mentor?

Jeanette Hitching from Seely Primary School has been in touch as their school is due for their International Award re-accreditation this year. One of the criteria for this process is to mentor another school who is seeking accreditation. Is your school's seeking accreditation for this award? If so, please get in touch with Jeanette by email to Jeanette.hitchin@seely.nottingham.sch.uk, to discuss the support available.

NST Phonics and Reading Training Programme: training dates coming up

The following training dates are coming up before half term; click on the links below to book in via our Eventbrite page:

- **Letters and Sounds Part 3: Practice and Apply – Ensuring Progress:** [Thursday 24th September, 3.45pm to 5.45pm](#), or [Tuesday 29th September, 3.45pm to 5.45pm](#).
- **Letters and Sounds Part 4: Decodable Readers:** [Monday 5th October, 3.45pm to 5.45pm](#), or [Monday 12th October, 3.45pm to 5.45pm](#).
- **Spellonics – where phonics meets spelling – for Phase 6:** [Wednesday 7th October, 3.45pm to 5.45pm](#), or [Wednesday 14th October, 3.45pm to 5.45pm](#).

A copy of the full training programme for this academic year is available on our Portal here (password – NST2017):

<http://www.nottinghamschoolstrust.org.uk/2020-21-programmes-and-opportunities/>

Safeguarding Training

Lou Maltby (one of our fantastic ADSLs) will be delivering the following online safeguarding training sessions for us during 2020-21. Click on the links below to book in via our Eventbrite page:

DSL Update Training

- [Tuesday 3rd December 2020, 9.30am to 11.30am](#)
- [Thursday 14th January 2021, 1.00pm to 3.00pm](#)

- [Tuesday 20th April 2021, 9.30am to 11.30am](#)

Training for DSLs: Recording safeguarding concerns effectively at a school level

- [Friday 9th October 2020, 1.30pm to 3.30pm](#)

DSL 'Train the Trainer' training

- [Thursday 12th November and Thursday 26th November 2020, 3.00pm to 6.00pm on both days.](#)
- [Thursday 20th May and Thursday 27th May 2021, 3.00pm to 6.00pm on both days.](#)

We are also planning to run some DSL Parts 1 & 2 training, and we will share the dates with you as soon as they are available, so watch this space!

Autumn Term Subject Leader Network Meetings

The following online autumn term network meetings are available to book; click on the links below to visit our Eventbrite page:

- [Music Network](#) – Thursday 24th September, 3.30pm to 5.00pm
- [Forest Schools and Outdoor Learning](#) – Thursday 1st October, 4.00pm to 5.30pm
- [Drama Network](#) – Monday 5th October, 3.30pm to 4.30pm
- [Art Network](#) – Tuesday 6th October, 4.00pm to 5.30pm
- [PSHE Network](#) – Thursday 8th October, 4.00pm to 5.30pm
- [Science Network](#) – Monday 12th October, 3.30pm to 5.00pm
- [RQT Network](#) – Tuesday 13th October, 3.30pm to 5.00pm
- [School Business Leader Network](#) – Thursday 15th October, 1.30pm to 3.00pm
- [Assessment Leads Network](#) – Friday 6th November, 1.00pm to 3.30pm
- [Inclusion Network](#) – Wednesday 11th November, 1.00pm to 3.00pm
- [Early Years Network](#) – Thursday 12th November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm
- [NQT Network](#) – Thursday 19th November, 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Booking details for our other network meetings will be available shortly.

The following Local Authority online autumn network meetings are now also available to book, and as previously, the NST will pay for the places for your staff to attend:

- Mathematics Network: [Thursday 15th October, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#), and [Friday 4th December, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#).
- English Network: [Thursday 8th October, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#), and [Thursday 10th December, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#).
- Teaching Assistant Network: [Wednesday 14th October, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#), and [Wednesday 9th December, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#).

University of Nottingham School Placements

The UoN would like to encourage schools who have offered a place to consider taking a pair of students who would have the same mentor and timetable. There are advantages for the school as it gives extra adult capacity, whilst not involving the need for the student to work in a different class or the need for extra staff support, and they are not only going to pay the school for both students but also double the money that goes directly to the mentor if they are solely mentoring a pair of students.

If there are any opportunities at your school please contact Stephanie directly by email to stefanie.sullivan@nottingham.ac.uk

Cultural Learning Alliance Article

Emma Hollis (one of our fantastic SIAs) has shared an article with us from the Cultural Learning Alliance, about what the government guidance for the reopening of schools means for arts subjects. You can read the article on the [Cultural Learning Alliance website](#).



The Sheriff's Challenge is BACK!

The Sheriff's Challenge is a series of activities for primary school-age children encouraging them to walk, run, swim and cycle. Each academic year different challenges are set which encompass 'joint goals' for schools taking part to cumulatively reach; but will also include individual pupil targets.

THE 'Running' CHALLENGE FOR 20/21

As we were so rudely interrupted by COVID-19, we're going for this again!...

Every year, more than 40,000 people run the 26.2 mile London Marathon.

Schools have been set the challenge to cumulatively walk or run 40,000 miles this academic year!

Pupils are set the individual challenge to walk or run 26.2 miles ... & logging activity on the MyChallenge App will work this all out for you! The challenge will run from 07/09/2020 and will finish on 16/07/2021.

How does it work?

Set out a manageable course around your school playground or field and measure it out in metres. (The App used to record the activity converts metres into miles for you!)

How do we record progress?

Taking the Challenge? Get the App!

Download and use the FREE MyChallenge App for iOS or android to record laps on your phone or tablet. The MyChallenge App is available to download from:

- The App Store
- Google Play
- Web App - <https://www.character-uk.org/mychallenge/webapp/>

About the App

Once you've registered your school and activated your account, simply log in and record your sessions. It's simple and easy to use.

When you use the App to record your laps in metres, it will automatically convert them into miles for you.

The information screen lets you know how your team is doing. You can find out how far you've run and what your team have achieved to date. Milestones earn stars - collect as many stars as you can! The leader board ranks you alongside the other schools taking part – can you make the top 5 rankings?

To make it fair to all group sizes the app measures success in a way that allows us to compare big and small school groups using averages. It's important to know that no matter how small your team you could still be number 1 on the leader board!

Sign Us Up!

Please contact the Schools Project Officer: helena.cresswell@collegest.org.uk for further information.