

NST Newsletter: Monday 4th October 2021

This week's newsletter features the following items:

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Autumn Term Network Meetings

The following autumn term Subject Leader Network meetings are now available to book (the Geography Network date has been newly added this week). Click on the links below to visit our Eventbrite page:

- [Forest Schools and Outdoor Learning Network – Thursday 30th September, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [PSHE Network – Monday 4th October, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Music Network – Wednesday 6th October, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Maths Network – Thursday 7th October, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [RE Network – Monday 11th October, 1.00pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [Diversity Network – Tuesday 12th October, 2.00pm to 4.00pm](#) *(see the article below for more information)*
- [English Network – Wednesday 3rd November, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [Performing Arts Network – Monday 1st November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Phonics Network – Thursday 4th November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Assessment Leads Network – Friday 5th November, 1.30pm to 3.30pm](#)
- [Design and Technology Network – Friday 5th November, 2.30pm to 4.30pm](#)
- [Geography Network – Monday 8th November, 3.45pm to 5.00pm](#)
- [ICT Network – Wednesday 10th November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [MFL Network – Thursday 11th November, 3.45pm to 5.00pm](#)
- [Early Years Network – Thursday 18th November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- PE Network – PE leaders will be able to sign up for the Active Notts Conference on 24/11/2021 – booking details to follow shortly.
- [Maths Network – Friday 3rd December, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)

- [Inclusion Network – Wednesday 1st December, 3.30pm to 5.00pm](#)
- [Science Network – Monday 13th December, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)

Email [Emily](#) if you have any queries.

NST Diversity Network – New for 2021-22

The first meeting of NST's new Diversity Network is taking place on Tuesday 12th October, 2.00pm to 4.00pm, at Nottingham Nursery School and Training Centre.

This network is suitable for school staff at any level who have a passion for celebrating diversity in their school community, and would like to share ideas and actions with like-minded colleagues.

There will be ideas shared around the topics of ethnically diverse communities, LGBT+, black history, religious celebrations and more!

For details of the agenda for our first meeting or to book a place, please visit our Eventbrite page here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/diversity-network-meeting-tickets-163626845299>

Reminder: NST-Funded Professional Development Opportunities from Transform

The NST have worked in partnership with colleagues at Transform to fund places for NST staff on the following courses (click on the links below for further details or to book a place):

- [Year 6 Network](#) (the NST will fund all Year 6 professionals who wish to attend)
- [Deputy Heads Network](#) (the NST will fund places for those who are new to senior leadership who haven't previously participated in this programme. This programme is suitable for Heads of School, Deputy and Assistant Headteachers)
- Early Career Framework Programmes [ECT 1](#) (for those who did not complete their NQT year last year), and [ECT 2](#) (for RQTs).

Forging Ahead Programme for Heads of School, Assistant and Deputy Headteachers

Sally Manz (school Improvement Advisor) will once again be delivering termly CPD sessions for senior leaders. See the attached flyer for further details.

The dates of these sessions are as follows (click on the links below to book a place):

- [Monday 15th November 2021, 1.30pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [Thursday 31st March 2022, 1.40pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [Friday 17th June 2022, 1.30pm to 4.00pm](#)

Careering Ahead Programme for Middle Leaders

Sally will also be delivering termly CPD for our middle leaders. The attached flyer gives further information about the Careering Ahead programme.

Meeting dates are as follows (click on the links below to book):

- [Tuesday 9th November 2021, 1.30pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [Monday 7th March 2022, 1.30pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [Wednesday 15th June 2022, 1.30pm to 4.00pm](#)



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Lead Teaching Assistant Networks 2021/22

The Teaching Assistant networks are an exciting opportunity for Teaching Assistants in school settings across all phases to collaborate and share best practice.

Facilitated by **Suzanne Scrivens**

Professional Development Consultant for Support Staff in Schools

Each session will enable practitioners to review and discuss:

- the most up to date local/national guidance and materials available that support and develop teaching assistant practice
- current practice and what makes great teaching assistant support
- training and development opportunities for support staff in schools.

Ideas for topics of discussion are encouraged, supported and researched by Suzanne enabling purposeful discussions at each network.

To book onto the networks please complete the attached booking form and email to suzanne.scrivens@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

All meetings will take place at Nottingham Nursery School and Training Centre, 1.30pm to 4.00pm, on the dates below:

- 17th November 2021
- 3rd March 2022
- 20th June 2022

NOTE: The NST will fund places for **one TA per school** at each of these network meetings. Further places can be booked at a cost of £40 per TA (schools will be invoiced separately for any additional places booked).

Preparing for External Scrutiny Sessions – now both taking place online

Our fabulous SIA Emma Hollis is running 2 twilight sessions for schools who would like to start preparing for external scrutiny.

These sessions will now both take place online, 4.30pm to 6.00pm on the dates below – please follow the links if you wish to book a place:

1. [Tuesday 5th October - 4.30pm to 6pm](#)
2. [Tuesday 12th October- 4.30pm to 6.00pm](#)

Note – *this is one session that is being repeated; participants don't need to attend both dates.*

Specialist Knowledge for Teaching Mathematics in the Early Years

East Midlands Maths Hub (West)

Facilitator: Mary Prest

This project is designed to support Early Years teachers in developing specialist knowledge for teaching mathematics, thus enabling them to understand, teach and support pupils more effectively in the classroom. More information can be found [here](#) and the focus for this work group will be on the teaching of pattern, shape, space and measure and the importance of this as part of early mathematical development.

The project is free to state-funded schools and involves two face to face days and four half-day online sessions across the academic year, with some associated action research.

Local Authority Designated Safeguarding Leads Network – 6th October 2021

IMPORTANT – Eventbrite booking is back!

The next DSL Network takes place on **6th October**. This event will take place on Microsoft Teams and will open at 9am for a 9.30am start. **Bookings must be made in advance** using the Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dsl-network-october-2021-registration-167725414229> Please ensure you are logged on several minutes before the start time.

Booking and attendance for the duration of the network is essential to ensure you receive certification following the event. Attendance at a minimum of two DSL networks can be certified as evidence of Safeguarding training for renewal of DSL certification.

Please share with DSL's in school. A copy of the agenda can be found here:

<http://www.nottinghamschools.org.uk/leadership-and-management-support/partnerships/designated-safeguarding-lead-dsl-network/>

Below is the Teams link for the meeting however please can we ask that ALL professionals sign up via Eventbrite in advance for certification to be issued after the Network. Thank you.

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZDdhMGI3YTEtODYzOS00N2ZhLWI0YzltMzEyY2U3OTk0ODkz%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22aa3611bd-13ac-47ac-8207-00fb9ea44ede%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22fb527430-1018-4a37-9422-b1f546e5ccc3%22%7d

NottAlone is a **new website** sharing local mental health advice and help for young people in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, all in one place. If you are a young person, a parent or carer or a professional who supports young people's mental health. NottAlone can provide you with information, advice and where to go to get help locally; in person, online or by phone. Please visit www.nottalone.org.uk, and feel free to share the website with anyone who needs it.

Visitors to the NottAlone website can search the site according to the specific mental health issue they need help with and there are different versions of the information for young people, parents and carers and professionals, including school/college staff. You can find a brief YouTube video giving you an overview of the site here - [Nott Alone website overview - YouTube](#)

NottAlone is also an approved trainer for the **DfE Senior Mental Health Leads Training** for schools and colleges in Nottingham City and County. You can find details of the training and how to book a place for any school/college/alternative provision at www.nottalone.org.uk/senior-mental-health-lead-training

GDPR Update – Annual Review of Parental Image Consent

One of our NST ADPOs has created this Annual Review of Parental Image Consent Form. You may wish to consider, as some schools are, reviewing this consent on an annual basis, and identifying more clearly and in case of changes in parental responsibilities who it is that is in fact giving consent. This is not a requirement but worth your consideration.

This document is on the NST portal [here](#) (password – NST2017). Feel free to adapt to your school.

Connex Education Partnership – National Tutoring Programme

Craig Meakin from Connex has asked us to share a brief overview of their national tuition programme offering:

- All our tutors hold QTS
- Tuition is aligned with each school's curriculum
- Schools have complete control of what is being delivered
- Schools will pay £14.70 per hour per tutor
- Baseline and EPA available

Visit their website for more information and to read their latest impact report: [National Tutoring Programme - Connex Education Partnership \(connex-education.com\)](http://connex-education.com)

To discuss further, contact Craig Meakin on 07563 382 821.

LGA Training – Implementing Effective Flexible Working Practices for School Leaders

Heads:

Commencing a new academic year, school leaders might welcome a 'return to normal', but pre-covid issues around staff recruitment and retention still exist, and there is now a keener focus on wellbeing than before. Creating scope for flexible and part-time working is possible in all roles in a school and can help promote a better work-life balance in the education sector. Join us on **Tuesday 05 October at 10am** for a 90-minute Webinar specifically for school Heads:

Register here <https://bit.ly/3jR2pMk>

School Business Professionals/HR:

The road to a flexible and agile workforce can be a challenging one, especially in schools. While other employers talk of remote and hybrid working post pandemic, schools still lag other sectors when it comes to part time (let alone other forms of flexible working). But creating more scope for flexibility is possible in all roles in a school, giving people a better work-life balance and addressing the recruitment and retention issues in the sector. Join us on **Wednesday 06 October at 10am** for a 90-minute Webinar specifically for School Business Professionals/HR:

Register <https://bit.ly/2Uc4hXp>