



South East Maths and English Newsletter February 2019

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English & maths Spring network in the South East – Book now!!

***** Cancellation***** We have had to cancel the Maidstone network planned for March 4th due to very low numbers.

The next English & Maths Network event in the South East will, therefore, be taking place in Bracknell on **March 28th** 2019. (Bracknell and Wokingham College, Church Rd, Bracknell RG12 1DJ. Please book using [this link](#) and we look forward to seeing you soon.

If you had been intending to come to the Maidstone network, please come and join us at the Bracknell event, if you can.

A draft agenda is attached. The programme contains:

- input from ALIN (Adult Learning Improvement Network) about their work with the ETF to support the development of English & maths and the new Study Programme Exhibition Site.
- Further updates on the new Functional Skills – hopefully assessment strategies if OFQUAL permits!
- Information and discussion on the Centres for Excellence in Maths
- Opportunities to network with other practitioners and share good practice.



We will plan two parallel Summer network events after the GCSE examinations have taken place. Venues and dates TBC. As before, these will have identical agendas so you have the option to attend the one that is most convenient to you.

OFSTED Consultation opens on their proposed new framework for inspection

The proposed new OFSTED Framework for Inspection has been launched and they are seeking to consult the Sector. The consultation is open until April 5th so have your say by following [this link](#).

Free phonics CPD available until March 31st

Phonics training for those involved in delivering the new Functional Skills Standards is now available FREE, if delivered before 31st March. The following courses are available to be delivered in **your organisation**:

- 90 minutes awareness raising session (webinar or Face-to-face available)
- 1 day session on phonics-based teaching with emerging readers (E1-E3)
- 1 day session on phonics-based teaching with developing readers (E3 -L2)

Alternatively, you can [book](#) onto any of the 'open' webinar sessions which will be running from 11.30-13.00 on the following dates: **January 25, 28, 31. February 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 14.**

Please contact Claire (details above) if you're interested in having any of these courses in-house or want to discuss any of this further.

Courses running this term in the South East:

Using digital technology: improving engagement with maths and English

This one-day course explores a range of popular e-learning tools and websites for use in teaching Functional Maths and English. It aims to give participants an opportunity to widen their perspectives on how teachers can use digital technology to engage and support learners both in the classroom and in the development of blended learning.

Online: 28th Feb 2019

Exeter: 21st March 2019

Click [here](#) to book a place

Lesson observations & learning walks

This practical one-day course will rigorously dissect what best practice means in English and maths and look in depth at how observations can be used developmentally by managers and colleagues to improve the teaching of maths and English - both when delivered in standalone lessons and when embedded into vocational learning.

South London: 28th Feb 2019

Exeter: March 4th 2019



Click [here](#) to book a place

Using coaching strategies to support maths and English

Coaching is a process which aims to unlock a person's potential to maximise their own performance by helping them to learn rather than teaching them." (Whitmore, 2003). This course focuses on how teachers can develop and incorporate coaching approaches into their repertoire of skills, and use these to help maths & English learners become more independent, resilient and resourceful. It will encourage teachers to think differently about their practice and the learning culture in their classroom.

Currently on offer in London – Feb 8th 2019. Click [here](#) to book your place!

Teaching Functional Skills: Level 5 CPD Module in maths or English

Ideal for those with strong subject knowledge but who want to develop their knowledge of Functional Skills and practice further

For more details click [here](#)

If you are interested in hosting a Level 5 maths and/or English then Judy or Claire would love to hear from you. (You would need 8-10 of your own delegates and we would then advertise to find external delegates). We are also hoping to run an **English course** in the summer term in the **Southampton area**. Please contact Claire if you think you may be interested in some places on this.

Maths & English in Apprenticeships: A series of interactive webinars

Who is this course for?

The seven interactive webinars are suitable for teachers, trainers, assessors, mentors and coaches with responsibilities for facilitating apprentices' maths and English development. Additionally, some webinars will be useful for curriculum managers responsible for vocational areas and for embedding maths and English. Each webinar lasts 90 minutes, including a short break, and costs **£25**.

*The webinars are interactive and designed to provide delegates with opportunities to engage with other practitioners and reflect on current practice. **Please note the price charged and login provided is per individual delegate.** Should you wish to sign up several colleagues or a group, please get in touch to discuss further pricing options and discounts available. Anyone found to be in breach of these conditions might be subject to further action by the Education and Training Foundation.*

Bookings are now open for the courses below:

Webinar	Date	Time	Booking Link
1. Partnering with/within employers to support maths & English		13.00 -14.30	283
2. Supporting vulnerable learners with maths & English		11.00-12.30	284
3. Developing & supporting learners' maths & English	1st Feb	12.00 -13.30	296
4. Digital approaches for maths & English	5 th Feb	12.00 – 13.30	297
5. Designing a supportive curriculum	14 th Feb	13.00 -14.30	285



6. Spotlight on maths & English CPD and resources to support apprenticeship delivery and gateway	28 th Feb	10.00 – 11.30	287
7. Improving Assessment for Learning (maths & English)	8 th March	10.00 – 11.30	286
8. Mentoring Apprentices in the workplace with an emphasis on English & maths	12 th March	09.30 – 11.00	here

More detail on all ETF courses can be found at:

www.et-foundation.co.uk/courses

Functional Skills Reform Support from NCFE

NCFE is helping organisations prepare for the upcoming reform with events, webinars and more.

They will be holding a Functional Skills reform conference in May to inform and prepare organisations for the upcoming changes. You can find out more about the event and sign up [here](#).

NCFE have also recently produced a guide for the reform along with documents which map the current content alongside the new. Updates, news and documents can all be found on their [website](#).

If you'd like more information on how NCFE can support your organisation please email fsreform@ncfe.org.uk

City and Guilds free monthly webinar updates on preparing for the new Functional Skills

City and Guilds are offering free webinars from 3.30 to 4.30 on the following days:

Feb 6th, Mar 6th, Apr 3rd, May 1st, Jun 5th and July 3rd 2019.

Click [here](#) to register.

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