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People and Communities

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INFORMATION, UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Letter from Nick Gibb, Secretary of State for School Standards

Dear Colleagues

Please see a [letter](#) I have received from Nick Gibb, Secretary of State for School Standards, and do pass on his positive message and my thanks to all school staff who have played a part in North Somerset's continuing improvement in the phonics screening results.

The letter also references the support from the English hubs and we are fortunate that St Peter's in Portishead is one of the 32 hubs.

Sheila Smith, Director of People and Communities

'Growing Expert Teachers' School Direct Teacher Training Opportunities

The 'Growing Expert Teachers' (GET) consortium of six schools based in North Somerset are recruiting graduates who are looking for primary teacher training places from September 2019. The GET School Direct programme is well-established, and operates in partnership with [Somerset SCITT](#) as the ITT provider. The lead school in the consortium is Golden Valley Primary School in Nailsea; information about the programme can be viewed by following this link: <http://www.goldenvalleyschool.co.uk/thinking-about-a-career-in-teaching/>.

If you have any school employees who are thinking about training to be a teacher, please highlight this opportunity and encourage them to telephone Kevin Lynch, Headteacher at Golden Valley, on 01275 853077, or email kevin.lynch@goldenvalleyschool.co.uk.

[Kevin Lynch](#), Golden Valley School

SSE Website - Purchasing Support Services for Education for 2019/20

We hope that you had a restful Christmas and New Year, with a smooth transition into the Spring term.

As part of the collaboration between North Somerset Council (NSC) and Support Services for Education (SSE), the services that have transferred to SSE and the services that continue to be delivered by NSC have all been uploaded to the SSE Website for 2019/20. This will enable you to continue to purchase the services you require in one place. We are delighted to inform you that the 2019/20 ordering window for SSE, SCC and NSC Brokered Service packages is now open for schools and academies to order via the SSE Website using the following link:
<http://www.supportservicesforeducation.co.uk/>

The deadline date for ordering services at the lower discounted price is **Friday 15 March 2019**. However, SSE and Somerset County Council (SCC) services will be available to purchase throughout the academic year (but the lower discounted prices may no longer apply). We would encourage schools to complete orders before the deadline date, to take advantage of the lower discounted price offers across our service packages.

Your current year (2018/19) Buy Back information can be viewed via your online Purchase Summary report. This can be found under the 'view all management options' on the Services page of the SSE website.

Here are a few important updates relating to the services available:

1. SSE have made changes to the Terms and Conditions. We would like to draw to your attention Clause 6 (Termination). The 4 months-notice to terminate services upon academy conversion has been removed. If you are planning to convert to an academy during the 2019/20 academic year, then please contact us to discuss your SSE and SCC packages.
 - a. **Please note:** no changes have been made to the NSC Brokered Terms and Conditions.
2. The packages for the Social Emotional Mental Health Service (SEMH) are now under their own separate service area for 2019/20, rather than under the Educational Psychology Service.
3. The packages for the Learning Language and Communication Service (LLC) for 2019/20, dependent on the support required by the school, will be available to purchase under either the Autism and Communication Service (ACS) or the Learning Support Service (LSS). The ACS packages are prefixed with a code of ACS. Details of the LSS packages will be available shortly.
4. Governance Services packages for 2019/20 will follow shortly. The service is working in partnership with The Key for School Governors to provide a new package for 2019/20 in addition to their current packages.
5. Somerset County Council's Insurance Service will be offering a Sickness scheme for teaching and non-teacher staff and a Teaching Maternity, Adoption and Paternity scheme for Primary Maintained Schools and Academies from 1 September 2019. Further details can be found on the SSE Website or by contacting the service.

SSE Conference

SSE will once again be hosting an informative and exciting conference: 'Health and Wellbeing for Staff and Students'. The all-day event will take place on **Friday 8 March 2019** at the **Westlands Conference Centre in Yeovil**. Tickets are available to all school leaders, and managers, across the Southwest at a cost of just £25 per person.

We are delighted to announce the following Keynote speakers:

- Andrew Whitehouse, a SEN consultant, who is an experienced educator having held leadership, teaching and outreach roles in a range of settings,
- Claire Eastham, a best-selling author, who is a recognised mental health advocate, blogger, and campaigner.

The packed day will also involve a variety of relevant workshops and presentations from SSE services, partners and sponsors, as well as a diverse exhibition hall and an opportunity to network with colleagues from across Somerset and beyond.

For further details about the workshops and to book your place please click [here](#).

Should your school require any support with purchasing services for the remainder of the 2018/19 academic year or the next 2019/20 academic year, then please contact us on the details below.

We hope that you are able to access the SSE Website smoothly and without issue. However, if you have any problems accessing the system, please contact us on 0300 123 7365 or email sse@somerset.gov.uk or if you have further queries then please contact:

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Ben Martin, Tel: 01823 359175, Email: bmartin@somerset.gov.uk

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

EYFS, KS1 and KS2 Assessment, Moderation and Monitoring CPD

Please note there are places available on the following event(s):

- KS2 Moderation Workshop (South) – Morning session – 18 March 2019 – 09:30 – 12:00
- KS2 Moderation Workshop (South) – Afternoon session – 18 March 2019 – 13:00 – 15:30
- KS1 Moderation Workshop (South) – Morning session – 19 March 2019 – 09:30 – 12:00
- KS1 Moderation Workshop (South) – Afternoon session – 19 March 2019 – 13:00 – 15:30
- KS1 Moderation Workshop (North) – Morning session – 25 March 2019 – 09:30 – 12:00
- KS1 Moderation Workshop (North) – Afternoon session – 25 March 2019 – 13:00 – 15:30
- KS2 Moderation Workshop (North) – Morning session – 26 March 2019 – 09:30 – 12:00
- KS2 Moderation Workshop (North) – Afternoon session – 26 March 2019 – 13:00 – 15:30

Workforce Development CPD

Please note there are places available on the following event(s):

- MAPA – The Management of Actual or Potential Aggression – 26 and 27 February 2019

- Peer on Peer Abuse – 1 March 2019 – 09:00 – 16:30
- Advanced Inter Agency Child Protection UPDATE – 4 March 2019
- Inter Agency Child Protection – Introduction – 13 March 2019 – 09:00 – 15:00
- Managing Difficult Conversations – 15 March 2019 – 09:30 – 15:30
- Advanced Inter Agency Child Protection – 29 March 2019 – 09:00 – 16:30

Booking

Please book your place(s) on CPD Online <https://schools.n-somersetcpd.org.uk>.

[Angie Mason](#), Education Business Support

Director's Briefing – Wednesday 27 March 2019

Headteachers and Chairs of Governors of maintained schools and the CEOs and Headteacher/Principals of academies are invited to attend the Director's Briefing to be held on:

Date: Wednesday 27 March 2019
Time: 15:30 – 18:00
Venue: Hans Price Academy
Phase: Primary, Secondary & Special

Agenda to follow.

Please book your place on CPD Online **by Friday 15 March:**
<https://schools.n-somersetcpd.org.uk>.

Future Meetings:

- Wednesday 19 June 2019, 15:30 – 18:00 at Hans Price Academy
- Thursday 7 November 2019, 15:30 – 18:00 at Clevedon School

[Angie Mason](#), Education Business Support

HANS Conference 2019 – Thursday 2 May - Friday 3 May 2019

Discounted Early Bird Rate available until Friday 15 February 2019

The HANS Conference with this year's theme 'Health, Hope and Happiness' will be held on Thursday 2 May - Friday 3 May 2019 at Doubletree by Hilton Cadbury House, Congresbury.

This two-day conference offers a unique professional development opportunity to reflect on a range of topical issues facing all headteachers at this time; to think strategically and to network with colleagues.

Please see the [HANS conference letter](#) and [poster](#).

Speakers include:

- **Mary Myatt** – acclaimed education advisor and writer and speaker
- **Sir Robert Winston** – professor, medical doctor and TV presenter
- **Floyd Woodrow** – Managing Director and founder of Chrysalis Worldwide, the world's leading values-based organisation.

This event is now available for HANS members to book via CPD Online with a discounted early bird rate available until Friday 15 February 2019.

For non-subscribers/members to HANS – bookings will be open from Saturday 16 February 2019 and will close on Friday 5 April 2019.

When you have booked your place, please return your [dinner choices](#) (also available to download on CPD Online) to Angie Mason (angie.mason@n-somerset.gov.uk) by **Friday 5 April 2019**.

[Angie Mason](#), Education Business Support

SCHOOL TO SCHOOL SUPPORT

The Beach Teaching School Alliance

27 February: Sustaining Resilience and Wellbeing for School Staff

Join Julia Steward for this one day workshop which amongst other areas aims to raise awareness of the importance of wellbeing for those working in schools, and why it can be difficult to achieve. For more information about the day, click on the link below.

Click to book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sustaining-resilience-and-wellbeing-for-school-staff-tickets-52608192520>

1 March: Pupil Premium Day – Free event delivered by Bill Jerman.

Don't miss this opportunity to get updated on the latest research findings, OFSTED updates and the effective use of data to drive, monitor and evaluate progress, outcomes and attendance. Choice of morning or afternoon workshop.

Click to book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-pupil-premium-workshops-tickets-55696296121>

We are running a series of wellbeing twilight sessions delivered by Gary Saul-Patterson. These workshops are open to all, both educational and non-educational. Only £25 per person, per workshop. See list below.

11 March: 'Prioritisation, self and time management'

4pm-5.30pm, The School House, Bournville Primary School

Click to book <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gary-saul-patterson-prioritisation-self-and-time-management-11th-march-2019-tickets-53392124281>

29 April: 'Effective communication, assertive behaviours & learning to say 'no'

4pm-5.30pm, The School House, Bournville Primary School

Click to book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gary-saul-patterson-effective-communication-assertive-behaviours-learning-to-say-no-29th-april-2019-tickets-53392230599>

20 May: 'Dealing with difficult people/conflict'

4pm-5.30pm, The School House, Bournville Primary School

Click to book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gary-saul-patterson-dealing-with-difficult-peopleconflict-20th-may-2019-tickets-53392344941>

17 June: 'Personality types, team roles & personal leadership skills'

4pm-5.30pm, The School House, Bournville Primary School

Click to book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gary-saul-patterson-personality-types-team-roles-personal-leadership-skills-17th-june-2019-tickets-53392666904>

Jo Campbell, The Beach TSA