



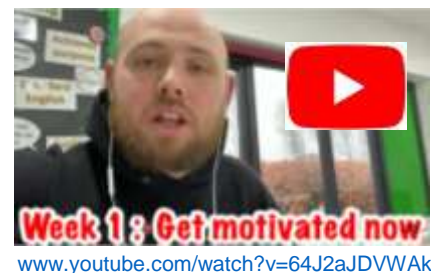
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Welcome to this March newsletter to provide an update of activities for Derby schools over the coming half term, including several supported by the Opportunity Area programme. In the coming weeks, there are a number of new activities for those working with GCSE students in particular; it is also a busy time of year in the preparation for this summer's transition. Please read below about all that is going on in these coming weeks and share these opportunities with colleagues.

You CAN Do It! Motivational sessions for all exam students - NEW for 2022

A series of great inspirational sessions has been created for all students taking exams this year and the first session, **Get Motivated Now** is broadcast on Zoom this Wednesday 9th March. The Dreams2Reality team deliver a new session each Wednesday morning between 9.00-9.30 and students and schools can either watch them live or return to them at any time via the [Boundary Leapers website](#). Watch this trailer to find out more about this You CAN Do It! Series.

1. **Get Motivated Now** - Wed 16th March, 9-9.30am
2. **Stress to Success** – Wed 16th March, 9-9.30am
3. **Expectations vs Reality** – Wed 23rd March, 9-9.30am
4. **Real Revision** – Wed 30th March, 9-9.30am
5. **Confidence** – Wed 6th April, 9-9.30am
6. **High Performing Habits** - Wed 27th April, 9-9.30am
7. **Mindset and Mental Health** - Wed 4th May, 9-9.30am
8. **Final Push** - Wed 11th May, 9-9.30am



It's not too late to [register your school's interest](#) and receive the joining instructions for these great online sessions (it is okay to join for individual sessions). For further information, contact elili.kallu@sdsa.net.

Approaching the Summer 2022 exams

Training sessions are being held in the next two weeks for all English and Maths GCSE teachers in Derby schools. They are being led by current examiners to provide up-to-date support and advice to teachers how best to approach the 2022 examinations based on the latest information. Sessions will also provide some myth busting and exam tips for the areas that students often struggle with most. Sessions are being delivered face to face with an option to attend online. Book as many teachers you want, free of charge, by clicking on [page 7 in the Boundary Leapers brochure](#) or contact elili.kallu@sdsa.net.

Maths GCSE exam training for teachers (Edexcel)

Monday 14th March 4.00 – 6.00pm
At Derby Conference Centre, also online

English Lang and Lit GCSE exam training (AQA)

NEW DATE Thursday 24th March 4.00 – 6.00pm
At Derby Conference Centre, also online

Derby Primary ECT/NQT Pool

Almost 70 new teachers who are looking to start their careers in Derby primary schools in September have booked interviews to join this year's [Derby ECT Pool](#). Heads and senior leaders are interviewing this Wed 9th March and the details of all successful candidates will appear in the pool soon afterwards to help schools with appointments this year.



Easter GCSE revision schools - NEW funded offer for 2022

Grant funding is available for schools to organise an Easter Revision School for GCSE English and Maths students using a series of new live Boundary Leaper lessons to support English and Maths revision. 16 new lessons by local Derby teachers/examiners will be streamed each morning Tues 19th – Fri 22nd April. Funding of up to £2,000 is available as a grant to contribute to staffing and operating costs for those schools willing to organise an Easter Revision School for students with the potential to 'leap a boundary' with this extra push. Sessions will cover the key revision priorities identified by teachers for the 2022 English and Maths GCSEs, focussing on particular aspects of these topics that students find most challenging. The teachers leading these sessions will make them applicable to all exam boards. Register your interest [here \(Boundary Leapers Brochure page 6\)](#) or contact elili.kallu@sdsa.net.

CPD for secondary English and Maths teachers

Derby's English and Maths networks have designed a number of training sessions for all Derby teachers that cover the priority themes in these subjects. A key highlight session is being held on Thurs 24th March where Derby schools will be sharing information about the practice that is making the greatest impact in their schools and driving forwards their improvement. All sessions are free of charge. Further information and bookings about these CPD opportunities is available: [English](#) and [Maths](#)

Boundary Leapers lessons and free student workbooks

31 additional lessons to support GCSE revision on tricky topics at key grade boundaries are already available and can be accessed at any time via the [Boundary Leapers website](#). These were created and delivered by Derby teachers in 2021, some have been slightly revised, and each topic includes narrated powerpoints, teachers' notes and links to the student workbooks.



Student workbooks - free to order!

Student workbooks that accompany these Boundary Leapers lessons are available and unlimited quantities of printed copies are available for schools. Please order your copies from page 4 in the [Boundary Leapers brochure](#).

Supporting Derby's children and young people through schools transitions this year

The recent developments that support transitions between schools has been a real strength of Derby's recent work and improvements continue to be made:

Y2-3 portal Building on the impact of other recent developments, Derby's infant and junior schools are currently developing a new portal to support the flow of information between them as pupils transfer this summer. A prototype is currently being developed and will be trialled after Easter. If you wish to get involved in these developments, please contact peter.chilvers@sdsa.net

Primary – Secondary portal This is a busy time of year for primary schools as they are currently uploading information about all pupils onto the portal. Now that the offer of school places has been made, staff in secondary schools can start to access the information of students who will be joining them. Those children likely to require additional support through this transition have already been identified by primary schools using the Early Intervention Indicators, and the following event is being held before Easter to create a forum for schools to meet and discuss the needs of particular children:

Information Exchange Event – April 7th Please mark this date in the diaries of key staff to attend this event: In primary schools it will be those who can provide information about vulnerable Y6 pupils, and in secondary schools, the most suitable colleagues to attend are Y7 leads or SENCO who need to receive information about students they will want to support over the coming months. Please look out for emails with further information from emma.sheasby@sdsa.net or get in touch.

Common Transfer Days – Tues 5th – Thurs 7th July If the pandemic situation continues to improve, it looks likely that these days, when all students across the whole city visit their new schools, will actually take place in-person! Primary schools are encouraged to use the Monday and Friday that week to support these visits by helping with practical preparation and reflections. With Y6 students being in their

new secondary schools for these days, the opportunity is available for all other year groups to prepare for their summer class changes. Please look out for information from secondary schools about these arrangements.

Year 11 to Post-16 portal The use of this portal has started earlier and all secondary schools have received training in this year's improved arrangements. This week, schools have identified all Y11 students who they think might experience a difficult transition to Post-16 settings or even potentially become NEET. Contact hannaheverett@schooltransition.co.uk with any enquiries about this.

Additional **transition mentoring** is being made available to the highest priority students and a pool of mentors is being recruited and trained through the Derby Youth Alliance. A new **mentoring framework** is being developed (contact ellie.sefton@sdsa.net) to provide consistency, resources and quality assurance.

Transitions Leads Network The next session for all those who lead or play a key role in transition is taking place online on **Wed 23rd March** (3:30- 5:00pm). Contact emma.sheasby@sdsa.net for more info.

Derby City Schools Mental Health and Wellbeing Conference

“Securing a strong mental health and wellbeing culture for your pupils and staff”

Tuesday 15th March 2022 9am-3.45pm at Pride Park Stadium DE24 8XL

This conference is for Designated Senior Mental Health Leads, Senior Leaders, Pastoral Staff, Learning Mentors, SENCOs, Teaching Assistants and key partners and stakeholders. The cost is free for Designated Senior Mental Health leads (including supply costs) and £50 for all other practitioners.

Key-Note Speakers include Nina Jackson -the importance of staff wellbeing and Tamba Roy - the importance of children and young people's wellbeing.

Schools will learn best practice to install a wellbeing culture in school that is pro-active and the means to feel positive about your school approach. Sessions will provide information about positive evidence-based practical strategies to help promote the mental health and wellbeing of the school community and the local provision on offer to support the prevention and early intervention of mental health and wellbeing of children and young people.

Contact Jayne.hadfield@derby.gov.uk with enquiries.

A range of great Derby websites continue to provide support for the important work underway in schools to support staff, pupils and families in schools. Each of them has live resources and a rolling programme of supportive activity and training for schools. Visit them to see what's available.



[Emotionally Healthy Schools](#)



[Derby Wellbeing 365](#)



[Derby Direction](#)



[School Toolkit](#)

Financial support for secondary STEM

The Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire Science Learning Partnership currently has funding available for secondary schools to support STEM improvement work in this academic year. Please contact Anna on STEM@dtsa.org.uk for further information.

Workshops for Primary STEM

Learn by Design are funded by the OA programme to deliver a range of workshops to inspire primary-age learners in science, technology, engineering and maths. Click [here](#) for more information.



Mock Assessment Centres for Y11 and Y13

D2N2 Careers Hub continues to provide a number of programmes to support students with employability skills and preparing for the world of work. This includes free mock assessment centre sessions similar to the events that received great feedback from students and teachers last year, particularly the opportunity for students to meet with local employers. The virtual sessions will be half a day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon during the following dates in March:

- **March 8th, 9th, 10th, 15th, 17th, 22nd and 24th** Each session can accommodate 9 students
- In addition, there are 2 sessions on 16th March exclusively for young people with SEN/D.

To express/confirm interest please contact info@theearlytalentconsultancy.com cc'ing Hubs@d2n2lep.org

Careers Derby website route in the START profile

D2N2 Careers Hub continues to host and develop a great platform of opportunities and resources that support careers education. careersderby.com provides a memorable route into the platform and features some recent local developments.



Headteacher meetings

The dates of the headteachers' meeting this term are:

Primary: Friday 25th March

Secondary: Heads Away-day: Friday 25th March 2.30pm – Saturday 26th 11.00am
'Regular' Meeting: Friday 1st April

Details of agendas, times and location will be circulated preceding each event.

DfE's Ed Tech Demonstrator Programme Online Conference – 10 & 16 March

The DfE's EdTech Demonstrator Programme is hosting a free, national online conference featuring over 70 sessions. Some of the EdTech related topics on offer will include cyber security, 1-to-1 programmes, SEND and workload reduction. [Explore the EdTech sessions available](#) and [book now](#)

Can't find that website?

Try derbyschools.org.uk

Because of the number of great websites that support Derby schools from a wide range of projects, a simple springboard page has been created to link you most of them.

School Improvement Programmes/CPD from Derby Research School

Tammy and the team at the Research School continue to provide a wide programme of programmes and sessions for local schools. Almost all of them have been created in response to requests and suggestions from Derby schools, including a new programme that has just started to provide additional support for teachers whose early career has been disrupted by the pandemic. Many of these programmes below are being delivered flexibly to respond to the situation in schools, so please get in touch with DRS if any of the programmes below are of interest.

Primary Early Careers Support Seminar Series

Spring & Summer 2022



Programme Structure and Audience

The programme runs over one school year. It is delivered through face-to-face sessions, coaching sessions, pair mentoring, classroom observations and elements to practise back in school. In-between sessions, the participants will have "gap tasks" to further their understanding.

Course Aims

The core aims of the programme are to:


- encourage the teacher to further develop skills as a reflective practitioner
- share wellbeing tips as part of being an excellent teacher,
- extend and challenge understanding of key aspects of outstanding teaching and learning
- raise performance in the classroom giving examples based on research and current pedagogy
- develop coaching skills to develop their own reflective practice

Book Here







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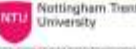


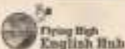

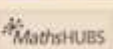
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Primary and Secondary School Improvement Offer 2021-2022

January 2022 Update



Literacy / Disciplinary Literacy			
 <p>KS2 Phonics with the Flying High English Hub Training, webinars, resources and further funding for training</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Dates: October – February Not accepting new applications</p>	 <p>English Reading and Writing Networks with DDAT A two phase approach of network webinar events in Spring with deep dive school visits in Summer</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Dates: 3rd March – 4th April More Details: CLICK HERE Open to Applications</p>	 <p>Leading Disciplinary Literacy for Secondary NEW DESIGN! 5 Module Design offering a mixture of training input: coaching network sessions and 1-2-1 in-school SLE visits.</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Dates: 3rd March – 4th April More Details: CLICK HERE Open to Applications</p>	
Maths / Numeracy			
 <p>Recovery Maths: Curriculum Prioritisation with the Maths Hub East Midlands West NEW DESIGN! This programme will be fully delivered as remote training videos for Maths Leads and year groups to be used. Schools can sign up for materials up until 27th May</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Dates: 7th March – 27th June (release dates) More Details: CLICK HERE Open to Applications</p>	 <p>Recovery Maths: Teaching for Memory in Maths Webinars – cross phase for Secondary and Primary These two webinar events are now open for both primary and secondary colleagues to book. As remote twilight events, multiple colleagues from a school will be able to attend.</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Dates: 7th March – 30th March (release dates) More Details: CLICK HERE Open to Applications</p>		
Evidence Informed Curriculum Development			
 <p>Full Training Programme Primary and Secondary Cohorts – a module programme</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Dates: November – February Not accepting new applications</p>	 <p>Live Case Studies 5 Summer School Visits to immerse in the intent, implementation and impact of their curriculum journey</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Dates: Summer Term More Details: CLICK HERE Open to Applications</p>	 <p>Twilight Series – Free to all staff to attend (4pm – 5pm) Guest speakers include Alex Bedford, Bennie Cara and Daniel Mujs</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Dates: Summer Term More Details: CLICK HERE Open to Applications</p>	
TA Training and Inclusion			
 <p>TA Leadership Training The sequence of training allows for both leaders and TAs to engage in training and develop a whole school approach to TA training and deployment</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Dates: January – July Not accepting new applications</p>	 <p>Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Accreditation with Nottingham Trent University A full programme with Masters Credits and accreditation for the school lead to support further development in this area.</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Dates: January – July Not accepting new applications</p>		
Free Twilight Webinar Series – Open to all staff to engage			
SEND Twilight Series CLICK HERE	Secondary Science CLICK HERE	Primary Science CLICK HERE	Secondary Literacy CLICK HERE

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