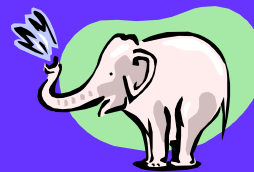


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English and Literacy Across the Curriculum

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WELCOME BACK! (I think!)

September has started in a bewildering way, with many of you lucky enough to receive SATs papers back questioning the marking. Will have to wait and see what the final results will be.

A busy term ahead with lots of meetings and training available so please take advantage of them. A special welcome back and good luck to those who are returning to school as NQTs and GTPs, I look forward to working with you again this term.

SATs



... was how people returning the 'response to SATs sheet' felt.

Hardly surprising given the effort which went into preparing Year 9, and some Year 8, students this year. I have never seen so many Booster classes; the pupils were exceptionally well prepared and focused on the tests. It makes APP assessments all the more important as evidence of pupils' achievements. If you haven't returned your form to say where you are up to with appeals, please do so. It is important that I get a full picture.

PS GCSEs fared much better as you know.

Functional Skills

The first training day for English Functional Skills is on **25th November 9am-3pm**. This day will cover the national standards; reading; writing; speaking and listening and include some moderating as well. If you need training before this date e.g. because your school is in a diploma pilot, then let me know. Look out for further Functional Skills training days throughout the year.

You can download the standards from:

http://www.qca.org.uk/qca_15565.aspx

Leading English teachers programme

This is starting again this term. Further details to follow.

Revised National Curriculum for Year 7

A reminder of the relevant websites:

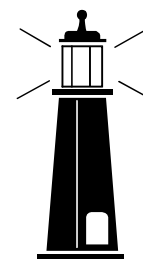
<http://curriculum.qca.org.uk>

www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/secondary/framework

I am liaising with Performing Arts and the Literature Festival organisers to try and get events into schools to help deliver the 'curriculum opportunities' aspect of the revised curriculum. I will keep you posted.

www.tfe.org.uk

Another reminder, this time to look at the English and Literacy pages of the lighthouse website. New material, such as schemes of work, keeps being added and it is a handy place to find links to DfES information. Please make sure your new staff know about this website.

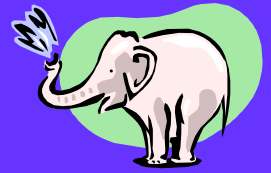


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English residentials

Hopefully, there will be two again this year. One this term for NQTs and one next term for HoDs, or aspiring HoDs. Probably at **The Holiday Inn, Doncaster** again but no definite dates as yet. It will be funded this year so if you've not been before there's no excuse!

New Staff

Please get in touch if you have new staff this year, including any new TAs attached to your department. It is always useful to meet them and set them up with a 'goody bag' of useful resources. It might also be useful to bring them down to The Literacy Centre this term so that they can see the resources on offer.



ICT and English Working Party

I am hoping that some of you will be interested in joining an 'ICT and English' working party. This group will meet once a term to develop resources for ICT and English. This will include producing podcasts for www.tlfe.org.uk. All equipment provided! The first date is set up for **8th October 4-5pm**. Let me know if you want to be involved.

APP

I have set up a twilight, 4-5pm, on **29th September** for those who are interested in APP. This is the first of a possible series of networks aimed at schools using the APP assessments at KS3. It will include a discussion about procedures, trouble shooting and KS3 moderation so this part may be especially beneficial to NQTs. Feel free to come along as a dept if you wish! It doesn't matter whether you are well on the way with APP or jus thinking about starting. The idea is that you can share your experiences and avoid the pitfalls.

Heads of English

Remember that Heads of English Network days have been moved to the beginning of each term.

The next one is on **15th October** and will mainly look at how the revised National Curriculum is 'bedding down'.

The other two dates for Heads of English are **5th Feb** and **12th May**. Please make sure you have booked these out.

Training

Speaking and Listening 30th Sept

This will cover both Key Stages, including GCSE coursework, as well as some of the new and innovative materials which are available to teachers e.g. for Socratic and dialogic teaching.

ICT and English 17th November

This will look at the new ICT resources for teaching English and include a crash course in podcasting.

If you would like to attend either of these please contact Sue Cooper on **323274**. Both courses are from **9am – 3.30pm**.

Meetings

The next English meeting is on **9th December** from **4- 5pm at The Literacy Centre**. This is an informal meeting for anyone who teaches English, including TAs.

The next Literacy Across the Curriculum meeting is on **26th November** from **4-5pm at The Literacy Centre**. This is an informal meeting for Co-ordinators of Literacy Across the Curriculum and would be especially useful for those new to the role.