

Welcome to our secondary Autumn 2 CPD update! There are lots of upcoming professional development opportunities next half term across Bexley, Bromley and Greenwich. Please also visit our [website](#) for more information or scan the QR code at the bottom of this newsletter.

Our featured association this half term is...

Whole School SEND

Whole School SEND is a consortium of charities, schools and organisations. They are committed to helping children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) or learning differences reach their full potential. They offer webinars and live online discussions on a wide range of topics, hosted by regional lead teams and a variety of guest speakers. All their CPD is fully funded by the DfE and free to attend.



Specialist Spotlights:

Creating a learning environment that supports speech, language and communication (online)

Date/Time: 12th November | 16.00 – 17.00

Join Whole School SEND for a free discussion exploring speech, language and communication needs in Secondary / FE settings.

The discussion will be hosted by Whole School SEND's National Delivery Coordinator, Caroline Sutton-Reid, and everyone will be encouraged to join in, ask questions and share experiences. As such, content will be responsive but may cover some or all of the following themes:

- how to create a learning environment that promotes the development of speech, language and communication skills, and
- the importance of good communication with parents and carers, colleague and external professionals to supporting the development of learners' speech, language and communication skills.

It's a great opportunity to hear from an experienced specialist, network with colleagues from across the country, and share learnings.

Follow this [link](#) to book your space.

Understanding behaviour as communication (online)

Date/Time: 19th November | 16.00 – 17.00

Featuring Sarah Johnson: Sarah Johnson has worked in education for the last nineteen years. As a qualified teacher, Sarah has enjoyed roles in mainstream schools, Pupil Referral Units, Alternative Provision and psychiatric in-patient services. A member of the Department of Education's Alternative Provision stakeholder group, she has supported development of policy and chairs a range of panels and events within the education sector.

Content that will be covered in this event will include:

- factors that can affect behaviour,
- approaches that promote positive behaviour.

To book your space, follow this [link](#).

Fundamentals of computer networks

Learn how computers of all shapes and sizes are connected physically, or wirelessly, and how this arrangement affects how data is shared. Switches, routers and other network components will be fully explained, helping you understand how data is moved around in packets.



This course will deepen your knowledge, up to GCSE level which will help boost confidence when teaching key topics to students. You'll need to know some basic concepts and terminology to access this GCSE-level subject knowledge enhancement.

This course is approximately ten hours in duration, split across several days and is delivered as part of the National Centre for Computing Education.

Dates:

Wednesday 6 November 2024 09:00 – 15:45 ([remote](#))

Or

Thursday 14 November 2024 09:00 – 15:45 ([remote](#))

The Maternity Teacher Paternity Teacher (MTPT) Project is the UK's charity for parent-teachers providing support and entitlements for pregnant and expectant staff.

MTPT offers valuable guidance and resources for pregnant and expectant staff, along with networking, coaching, and professional development opportunities during parental leave. They also provide workshops and coaching to assist with the transition back to work.

There are many different forms of CPD that you can complete around the demands of your new baby, and MTPT's community is full of diverse and wide-ranging experiences. Follow them on Twitter to hear inspiring ideas from their community and to share your own CPD adventures, or explore the blogs, stories and opportunities below to help you follow the path that suits you best.



Here is a link to their [website](#) for more information.

MTPT's upcoming dates:

- December Return to Work workshop - Tuesday 10th December at 09.30am
- Autumn Parental Leave group coaching programme - continues Thursday 12th December at 09.30am

You can book these free events through this [link](#). Please note that the sessions are recorded and can be accessed later by staff.

If you would like any more information regarding these upcoming professional development courses, please contact Thames South Teaching School Hub at: ThamesSouthTSH@nestschools.org. Tel: 020 8289 4767 Ext.130

Scan this QR code for more information about our future CPD opportunities, and to sign up for all programmes mentioned in this newsletter.

