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## Welcome from Roger Pope CBE

**ESW Associate & Strategic Leader of Teaching &  
Research Schools | Education South West**

I have been watching the fresh molehills appear all over a neighbouring field. Who knows how the moles communicate with one another, or what the final pattern will look like.

Right now, there are molehills popping up all over the school system too: the other 81 Teaching School Hubs are set to be announced shortly; then national ECF and NPQ providers; an ITT review has been launched; oh – and in the middle, up pops the new National Institute of Teaching.

This is all good news, clear evidence that recruitment and retention of teachers is high on the Government agenda. A key role for TSSW is to make sure this works for us, to facilitate the communication between partners and nationally so that collaboratively we end up with a coherent pattern that serves our needs, locally – and across the South West.

## Charlie Waller Trust Student Well-Being Webinars

Schools can access a new series of mental well-being webinars led by the [Charlie Waller Trust](#) - one of the UK's most respected mental health charities.

Organised by [SWTSA](#) for classroom practitioners, Teaching Assistants and pastoral leaders, this series of four 60/90-minute webinars will focus on specific areas of student / pupil mental health: *self-harm, eating disorders and substance abuse - the signs and how to react in the first instance.*

Each webinar will include strategies to help spot the signs and guidance on what to do to help students with articulating and regulating their own situations and emotions.

For more information see [here](#) and you can book your place [here](#)

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for more updates and links to offers and news from our various partners.

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# Featured CPD and Events

Many of our events are free to our TSSW member schools. Find out more [here](#)

<p><b>Safer Recruitment (Refresher Twilight)</b></p>  <p>This training focuses on the wider context of safeguarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevalence of abuse and profile of abusers</li> <li>• How abusers operate within organisations</li> <li>• Features of a safer recruitment process</li> <li>• Planning a safer recruitment process</li> <li>• Making the right decisions: interview and selection</li> <li>• Setting acceptable standards of behaviour</li> <li>• Maintaining an ongoing culture of vigilance</li> </ul>	<p>Date: 19/1/21</p>	<p>Time: 1530 - 1730</p>
<p><a href="#">BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE</a></p>		<p>Venue: Online Delivery</p>
<p><b>The Science of Learning Event workshop with Bradley Busch of The InnerDrive Online Academy</b></p>  <p>Learn how to help students use their brain effectively with access to two learning modules to develop your practice and support implementation in schools.</p>	<p>Date: 21/1/21</p>	<p>Time: 1600 - 1700</p>
<p><a href="#">BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE</a></p>		<p>Venue: Online Delivery</p>
<p><b>Science Subject Knowledge for KS1 &amp; 2 Teachers</b></p>  <p>Investigations into what makes the test a 'fair test' or 'comparative test' and what the progression of skills within these tests might look like.</p>	<p>Date: 22/1/21</p>	<p>Time: 1300 - 1600</p>
<p><a href="#">BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE</a></p>		<p>Venue: Online Delivery</p>
<p><b>Teaching Assistants Supporting Pupils with SEND</b></p>  <p>A focus on the four areas of special educational need and disability (SEND) referred to as the SEND Code of Practice. Practical guidance to support TAs in delivering interventions and working with pupils with SEND in the classroom.</p>	<p>Date: 26/1/21 2/2/21</p>	<p>Time: 1100 - 1200</p>
<p><a href="#">BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE</a></p>		<p>Venue: Online Delivery</p>
<p><b>Secondary RSHE Ready (Wave 3 Training)</b></p>  <p>TSSW are leading the Department for Education training to support schools in readiness for the new Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) 2020 guidance.</p>	<p>Date: 28/1/21</p>	<p>Time: 1600 - 1700</p>
<p><a href="#">BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE</a></p>		<p>Venue: Online Delivery</p>
<p><b>Total Communication Training</b></p>  <p>To build awareness of how to create a Total Communication environment to support children and young people with a wide range of communication needs.</p>	<p>Date: 4/3/21</p>	<p>Time: TBC</p>
<p><a href="#">EMAIL HERE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE</a></p>		<p>Venue: Online Delivery</p>
<p><b>Advanced Coaching Programme for School Leaders</b></p>  <p>An ILM-approved programme in coaching techniques to enhance your leadership skills and enable you to develop others effectively, embedding coaching practice into your school culture.</p>	<p>Date: 10/3/21</p>	<p>Time: 0900 - 1300</p>
<p><a href="#">BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE</a></p>		<p>Venue: Online Delivery</p>

# Coming Soon:

## January

☆Student Digital Leaders Webinar | Monday 25 January 2021 | 1600 - 1700 | Online | Devonport High School for Boys (A Department for Education EdTech Demonstrator School)

Book your place [here](#)

☆Thrive Online Webinars: "The Power of Authenticity" and "Softening the Prickles" | Tuesday 26 January and 2 February 2021 | 1330 - 1530 | Online | ECTSA

Book your place [here \(session 1\)](#) and [here \(session 2\)](#)

☆Maths Subject Knowledge Development for Teaching Assistants | Thursday 28 January 2021 | 1300 – 1600 Online | TTSA

Book your place [here](#)

## February

☆TSSW Secondary Health and Social Care Network | Tuesday 2 February 2021 | 1530 – 1700 | Online | DTSA

Book your place [here](#)

☆TSSW PSHE Network – Crossphase | Wednesday 3 February 2021 | 1400 – 1600 | Online | DTSA

Book your place [here](#)

☆Tom Sherrington, Delivering Evidence-Informed CPD with WalkThrus | Wednesday 3 February 2021 | Online | PTSA

Book your place [here](#)

☆AQA Extended Project Qualification Twilight | Monday 8 February 2021 | 1530 – 1700 | Online | DTSA

Book your place [here](#)

☆TSSW Secondary SEND Network | Wednesday 10 February 2021 | 1400 – 1600 | Online | DTSA

Book your place [here](#)

## March

☆Behaviour is Communication – Decision Making Hierarchy | Thursday 4 March 2021 | 1330 – 1500 | SWSSTA

Email to book your place [here](#)

☆Building Communication Skills in Learners with Complex Needs | Thursday 11 March 2021 | 0930 – 1100 | Online | SWSSTA

Email to book your place [here](#)

☆Student Voice and Introduction to Advocacy | Tuesday 16 March 2021 | 1015 - 1245 | SWSSTA

Email to book your place [here](#)

# Conferences

## Primary Maths Conference 2021: Understanding Fluency

Wednesday 31 March 2021 | 1030 – 1515

**Reasoning and problem-solving skills are high on the agenda in schools; but it is important not to forget about the basics!**

The five sessions will look at the importance of flexibility and fluency.

### Conference Leads

**Josh Lury** | Maths consultant and author of textbooks for schools all over the world, providing Maths CPD in South West of England.

**Sam Shutkever** | Assistant Maths Hub Lead at West Yorkshire Maths Hub and Primary Maths Specialist at White Rose Maths.

**Cost** | TSSW member schools: £45 per delegate | Other schools: £65 per delegate.

SEE MORE INFORMATION AND HOW TO BOOK [HERE](#)

## NQT Conference 2021 ONLINE

Wednesday 21 April 2021 | 1230 – 1615

**This will be our first NQT Conference hosted virtually.**

The keynotes will be on:

**How to Start Building a Classroom Culture and Making Best Use of Evidence.**

There will also be a Q&A session led by Recently Qualified Teachers (RQT) at both primary and secondary.

### Conference Leads

**Tom Bennett** | Director and Founder of ResearchED

**Roger Pope, CBE** | ESW Associate & Strategic Leader of Teaching & Research Schools

**Lorwyn Randall** | Regional Delivery Lead Education Endowment Foundation

**Helen Thorneycroft** | Head of History, Kingsbridge Community College

**Cost** | FREE to NQTs working within the TSSW member schools, or those registered under the TSSW Appropriate Body Service. Other schools | £55 per delegate.

SEE MORE INFORMATION AND HOW TO BOOK [HERE](#)

## TSSW 2021 Summer Virtual Conference

Wednesday 30 June afternoon | Thursday 1 July 2021 morning

Following the success of last year's TSSW Summer Conference hosted online in response to the Government's Covid-19 social distancing restrictions, planning is now underway for this year's event.

With a focus on Leadership, Teaching & Learning and Research, to date the following keynote speakers have now been booked:

- \* *Dylan William (UCL Institute of Education)*
- \* *Lee Elliot Major (University of Exeter)*
- \* *Rob Coe (Education Endowment Foundation)*
- \* *Ed Vainker (Reach Academy Trust)*
- \* *Marc Rowland (The National College)*
- \* *Clare Sealy (States of Guernsey)*
- \* *Izzy Ambrose (Yate Academy)*
- \* *Naureen Khalid (Governance)*

This is your conference and we are keen to cover topics of interest and benefit to you and your school/organisation and would like to invite you to respond to some general questions to help us formulate our planning.

**Thank you for submitting your answers by Monday 25 January 2021 noon.**

***Further details about the conference to follow. But for now, thank you for holding the dates!***

SEE THE QUESTIONNAIRE [HERE](#)

**We are pleased to work with our Teaching School Alliance partners:**

**Dartmoor Teaching School Alliance (DTSA)**  
**Exeter Consortium Teaching School Alliance (ECTSA)**  
**Plymouth Teaching School Alliance (PTSA)**  
**South West Teaching School Alliance (SWTSA)**  
**South West Specialist Schools Teaching School Alliance (SWSSTA)**  
**Torbay Teaching School Alliance (TTSA)**

## About Us

Teaching Schools South West (TSSW) is a partnership organisation that includes the new Kingsbridge Teaching School Hub, the Kingsbridge Research School, six Teaching School Alliances, MATs/Schools and local Curriculum Hubs. Our mission is to:

***Enable all schools to have access to the best knowledge and expertise that leads to the best chances of improving the quality education. In particular, we want to ensure that when a school is struggling it is given the very best support.***

Our experience has taught us that working with great partners in a spirit of trust around a shared moral purpose is a highly effective approach. We are more than a collection of delivery partners; the point of collaboration in a mature school-led system is to share, combine, co-ordinate and lead together. This approach enables us to be 'more than' the sum of our parts. In fact, the TSSW logo is a stylised > symbol.

# Keeping in Contact

You have received this newsletter because you are one of our Teaching Schools South West Teaching School Hub Schools and Partners.

If we have not got your preferred email address correct, then please email Project Co-Ordinator, Jude Owens and she will be pleased to update our records ([JOwens@teachingschools-sw.org.uk](mailto:JOwens@teachingschools-sw.org.uk)).



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