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2019/20 Programme of Events



All of the conferences, events and sessions included in this programme are available to **MSA member schools only**. Please share these opportunities with your senior leaders, middle leaders and governors.

To book a place or for further information about anything in this programme, please contact Lisa Jones at;

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LGBT+ Inclusion in Education

Tuesday 1st October 2019

9.30am-3.30pm Life Centre, M33 4BP

Wednesday 2nd October 2019

9.30am-3.30pm Redbank House, M8 8QA

- Learn practical strategies on tackling homophobic, biphobic and transphobic (HBT) bullying and language, supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans young people and make your school LGBT+ Inclusive.
- Gain an insight in to the issues facing LGBT+ young people and how they can be overcome.
- Gain an understanding of current LGBT+ language and terminology.
- Help you meet legal requirements under the Equality Act 2010.
- Understand the current requirements on schools under the latest OFSTED framework.
- Be inspired by best practice from schools.

This is a one day **FREE** session (exclusive to MSA members) that we are running twice. Places are extremely limited so are initially restricted to 1 per school.

Articulating a Good, Well-Centred Curriculum

Friday 11th October 2019, 9am –12pm, Chancellors Hotel

Allan Torr is coming back to Manchester to deliver 'Articulating a Good, Well-Centred Curriculum' to primary, secondary and special school leaders at our autumn conference in partnership with Manchester City Council. The aim of this half-day session is to:

- support headteachers and senior leaders in articulating their top-level overview of the curriculum; standing up to external scrutiny both verbally and through the school website;
- support headteachers and senior leaders in conducting deep subject reviews.

This session is **FREE** to MSA member schools . Places are initially restricted to 2 per school.

Curriculum Design for Primary School English

Wednesday 12th February 2020, 9am– 12.30pm, Holiday Inn Central Park, M40 2BS

James Clements is returning to Manchester to deliver this half-day session that will introduce some principles and practical examples of curriculum design in primary English, drawn from research and practical case studies of successful schools. The session aims to:

- help schools to consider their own principles and vision for their English Curriculum;
- give an introduction to key concepts in curriculum design;
- look at building the curriculum: content, structure and experiences;
- look at curriculum vehicles for teaching and learning in English;
- look at weaving the elements together: case studies of effective curriculum models;
- discuss curriculum planning for your school.

This session is **FREE** to MSA member schools. Places are initially restricted to 1 per school.

FFT for Governors

Thursday 7th November 2019, 6-8pm, Chancellors Hotel

As all members of the MSA get full access to the FFT Aspire Dashboard, we have invited FFT to come back to Manchester to provide an overview of the Governor Dashboard. FFT Governor Dashboard helps governors hold their school to account, support and challenge the leadership team and make more informed strategic decisions. It provides governors with an analysis of the main school performance indicators, a breakdown of school cohort by pupil groups and an analysis of absence. This session will give governors:

- a chance to view their school's dashboard;
- a look at how to analyse and interpret the data;
- the opportunity to discover how the dashboard can support their role.

This session is **FREE** for MSA members. Places are limited to 2 per school. This session is always very popular so please book your place ASAP to avoid disappointment.

Safeguarding for Governors

Wednesday 25th March 2020, 6-8pm, Venue TBC

This session supports governors'/trustees' understanding of their responsibilities for and role in keeping children safe, focusing on the following key areas:

- the legal context for safeguarding;
- the difference between safeguarding and child protection;
- the responsibilities placed on governors/trustees through legislation, statutory guidance and inspection frameworks;
- questions to ask to evaluate safeguarding practices;
- what contributes to a vigilant culture in schools ;
- self-assessment of safeguarding policies, procedures and practices.

This session is **FREE** for MSA members. Places are initially limited to 2 per school.

'Being Ofsted Ready' for Governors

Wednesday 20th May 2020, 6-8pm, Venue TBC

This session covers the main areas of the current framework with a focus around how governance is inspected and how governors/trustees can ensure they are best placed to achieve a successful outcome, with a focus on the following key issues:

- which aspects of schools' work are graded;
- the frequency and duration of inspections, and the possible outcomes;
- the expectations Ofsted has of governing boards;
- what to expect before and during and inspection;
- what the governors' / trustees' interview with the lead inspector will entail.

This session is **FREE** for MSA members. Places are initially limited to 2 per school.

Geography/ History Network

Thursday 3rd October 2019, 1.30-3.30pm, Irish World Heritage Centre

In light of the change in focus under the new Ofsted framework and following positive feedback and comments from members, we are setting up a Geography/ History network for primary subject leads. The first meeting will be an opportunity for teachers to look at the format of the group as well as to discuss what they would like to get out of this network. Ideas on objectives for the group already shared include:

- a look at how other schools do things and a chance to share good practice;
- the opportunity for subject leaders to meet with other subject leads;
- a supportive environment where subject leads can discuss challenges;
- a chance to discuss curriculum and planning;
- leadership support;
- the opportunity to build relationships/ collaborative approaches with other schools.

This **FREE** network is open to MSA member schools only. If you would like to join this network, please contact Lisa Jones to confirm your attendance at the meeting.

Science Lead Network

Tuesday 15th October 2019, 1-4pm Sackville Street Building

Tuesday 3rd March 2020, 1-4pm, Sackville Street Building

Tuesday 30th March 2020, 1-4pm, Sackville Street Building

There is still the opportunity for your school to join the Science Lead Networks that we facilitate, led by the University of Manchester's Science and Engineering in Education Research Institute Hub (SEERIH).

The objectives of these meetings:

- To provide up to date information and guidance on the teaching, learning and assessment of primary science in mainstream settings.
- To offer consistent, quality assured professional development, working with experts, in line with the DFE Professional Standards for Professional Development Guidance.
- To offer teachers opportunity to learn together, reflecting on their professional practice and develop in new approaches.
- To connect teachers with the same role across the group of schools, building sustainable relationships and potential partnerships between schools.

As the MSA are facilitating this we have managed to secure a great discount and have also managed to secure some funding to contribute towards this. This means that MSA primary science leads can join this network for just £50 per year (Invoiced by MSA annually). For more information on how to join, contact Lisa Jones.

We are currently developing ideas for summer term conferences/ events. As always, the MSA is responsive to member wants and needs. If there is a particular subject, topic or issue you would like us to look at addressing, please do get in touch. Similarly, if you would like help in setting up/ support of a network or group, contact Lisa Jones on the details on the front page of this programme.