

Schools' Circular

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Due to a CMS upgrade, there is a freeze on the Derby City website and SIP for added and new content.

The circular published Friday 13 October and Friday 20 October will not be available on the SIP. This will be a copy emailed to schools. There is no circular on the last day of term, Friday 27 October.

We aim to have the circular back on the SIP after October half term. If the dates for the website freeze change, we will notify you.

Coram Beanstalk Charity One-To-One Support for Schools

[Coram Beanstalk](#) is a national charity with a 50-year history of supporting primary school children to become confident, independent readers and we know that our one-to-one support particularly helps children from disadvantaged backgrounds that may not have reading support in the home:

"We have had 4 very committed readers who are always professional. The children really enjoy reading with them. The impact has been very evident in how more confident the children are becoming when reading in class, discussing texts in class and answering comprehension questions."
Deputy Head teacher, Christ Church of England Primary School

Our low-cost approach to adding capacity is valued by over 500 schools across England and is used for raising reading attainment and improving children's confidence and wellbeing, especially in the lowest 20% of readers (OFSTED). Our most recent Impact study shows that 96% of our partner schools saw an improved attitude to learning across the curriculum for children receiving our one-to-one support.

As we begin the 23/24 academic year, we are keen to grow our network of Derby schools. If you are interested in finding out more please either book in a conversation with or please do ask me any questions you may have by either emailing me at Kerry.ward@corambeanstalk.org.uk or by calling me on 07581150615.

[Become a Coram Beanstalk partner school with our trained reading helper support \(beanstalkcharity.org.uk\)](#)

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Web site:

www.derby.gov.uk

DSL Network Meeting Amended Date

We have amended the date of the next DSL Network meeting to 24th January 2024 9.30am to 12pm

If you had booked onto the original date, we have transferred your booking to the new date.

If you want to book a place email SpecialistSupport@derby.gov.uk

BBC Micro: Bit – The Next Gen

BBC Micro: Bit – The Next Gen is now live, and the BBC is keen to offer this to all primary schools.

BBC Micro: Bit – The Next Gen is a partnership between BBC Education, the Micro: bit Educational Foundation and Nominet. Made possible by Nominet's support, the partnership is donating a set of 30 micro: bits to every primary school across the UK that registers to receive them. The campaign aims to empower primary school children aged 8 to 11 with the digital skills to understand the world around them and shape their futures. Teachers are supported with an array of training and resources to build their confidence teaching with the micro: bit.

Registration ends 18 December so there's still time to sign your school up at bbc.co.uk/microbit.

The National Holocaust Museum Can Come to You: KS3

We are delighted that the National Holocaust Centre and Museum is once again able to deliver our award-winning exhibition “The Journey” into your classroom. Thanks to funding from The Association of Jewish Refugees, we can offer a half or full-day tuition for free to secondary schools with above-average numbers of disadvantaged pupils. In the last school year our former teachers educated nearly 40,000 pupils nationwide. Complete our booking form now as places are limited - <https://www.holocaust.org.uk/forms/outreach-booking-enquiry>

During the workshop, your students discuss Jewish life and identity before the Second World War and understand the prejudice and discrimination perpetrated by the Nazi government and ordinary people. They use this knowledge to develop their own ability to think critically about the information they receive online, as well as our collective response to refugees.

Our programme comes with free lessons and resources as well as HMD activities related to this year's theme Fragility of Freedom. You will also be invited to a live Holocaust survivor talk via zoom.

The workshop can be delivered in school or online. We can deliver to your KS3 students through a series of same-day 1-hour lessons or morning and/or afternoon workshops. If more than 30% of your students receive the Pupil Premium, tuition is entirely free (expenses are charged for in-school delivery). If not, we charge £150 per half-day for online delivery, or £175 plus expenses per half-day for in-school delivery.

Questions? Join our Teacher Facebook group, email bookings@holocaust.org.uk and/or call 01623 836627.

Learn more: <https://journey.holocaust.org.uk/>

PEIA Attendance Programme Job Advert for Strategic Lead for Attendance

This is an exciting opportunity for an ambitious and experienced leader to strategically direct a new attendance programme (funded through PEIA) aiming to improve school attendance across Derby City.

As a Priority Education Investment Area, funded by Department for Education, a range of organisations are working collaboratively to improve attendance and reduce persistent absence.

We are looking to appoint an experienced person who can lead a city-wide attendance programme that helps support the achievement of pupils.

In this new role, you will be responsible for:

- Working closely with a range of partners including Derby City Council, Derby City Inclusion Partnership and schools to oversee the PEIA Attendance Programme.
- Analysing data to guide interventions and evaluate their impact.
- Co-ordinating a range of professional development opportunities.
- Capturing school, pupil and family voice to inform the development of the programme.
- Overseeing a grant funded budget
- Reporting to a working group to steer the programme.
- Ensuring a sustainable approach to ensure impact beyond the funding period.

Link to advert and job description:

<https://www.derbycountycommunitytrust.com/strategic-lead-attendance-1>

This role is 3 days per week on a term time basis (40 weeks per year) until March 2025. The post is suitable for a secondment or a consultant.

For more information contact Jo Wilkinson

Email: Jo.wilkinson@dcct.co.uk

Telephone Number: 07813 895942



FREE Network Meetings for EYFS and KS1 Practitioners

To book a place on any of the sessions, please scan the QR code or call us on 01332 769821

We welcome the support of all colleagues who would like to participate in the planning of future sessions. Please email head@harrington.derby.sch.uk to express your interest.

8th November 2023

Nursery practitioners network meeting

Venue - Harrington Nursery School

Time – 4-5pm

Facilitator - Kelly Royle

13th November 2023

KS1 Coordinators network meeting

Venue - Ridgeway Infant School

Time – 4-5pm

Facilitator - Kim Harford-Smyth

15th November 2023

FS2 practitioners network meeting

Venue – Cherry Tree Hill Primary School

Time – 4-5pm

Facilitator – Emily Maskell

27th November 2023

Year 1 practitioners network meeting

Venue - Ridgeway Infant School

Time – 4-5pm

Facilitator - Kim Harford-Smyth

22nd November 2023

FS Coordinators Network meeting

Venue - Harrington Nursery School

Time – 4-5pm

Facilitator - TBC

4th December 2023

Year 2 practitioners network meeting

Venue - Ridgeway Infant School

Time – 4-5pm

Facilitator - Kim Harford-Smyth



[Booking Form](#)

White Ribbon Campaign

A group of 8 male students from across different secondary schools in Derby have come together to create a White Ribbon Day Campaign. They have produced along with Derby Theatre an awareness video.

White Ribbon Day is an International Day of Awareness where men and boys show their commitment to ending violence against women and girls.

White Ribbon UK mark this on 25th November. This year's focus is 'Change the Story'.

We would like all secondary schools to participate in raising awareness week beginning 20th November 2023:

- to show the awareness video to all year groups in school assemblies
- deliver the White Ribbon presentation in form time or PSHE.
- for all male students to wear a white ribbon (which we will supply)
- raise money for a local women's charity by paying £1 for a non-school uniform day/any other ideas.
- for 10 male only students in each school to get creative, designing/making a giant white ribbon for their school.

The best design/most creative designs will win a prize. These are the following prizes:

- 10 free tickets to Moorways Water Park
- 10 free QUAD cinema tickets
- 10 free Derby Theatre tickets to the panto
- A group of 10 cycling track session for at the Velodrome Pride Park
- 10 free places to participate in a music workshop at Baby People
- Tour of Derby County Football Ground for a group of 10
- And other prizes to be confirmed.

The group of 8 young men will decide on the winners.

In addition, there is also a school's resource pack with activities, if you feel you would like to have a further discussion with your students.

Please let us know if you will be taking part in Derby's White Ribbon Campaign by contacting Adele Styles / Holly Hardgrave email: via@derby.gov.uk mobile: 07812300931

We will then arrange to bring you the white ribbons and email you the White Ribbon Awareness Video.

English Hub Autumn Offer

At the Flying High English Hub, we have up to £9000 of funding available for eligible schools to support with phonics and early reading either through becoming a Partner School or accessing the Accelerator Funding. We also offer a range of free CPD focusing on phonics, early language acquisition and Reading for Pleasure.

If you are interested in funding options for your school, reserve your place on one of our Showcase events: [Showcase information and booking links](#)

For more details of our CPD offer this term and booking links, click here: [Training Events | English Hub | Flying High Futures | Flying High \(flyinghighpartnership.co.uk\)](#)

Please visit our website for more information about the Flying High English Hub:

[Support | English Hub | Flying High Futures | Flying High \(flyinghighpartnership.co.uk\)](#)

For regular updates about the English Hub, sign up to our Newsletter by emailing: englishhub@flyinghightrust.co.uk



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KS2 Moderators 2023-2024

Do you work with pupils in Year 6? Would you like to become more confident in your assessment of their writing? Would you like to support others in reaching accurate judgements in their assessments?

Derby City LA is currently recruiting for KS2 moderators for the summer term 2024. Moderators are a professional team with up-to-date knowledge of statutory assessment for KS2.

Becoming a moderator allows teachers to play a significant role in supporting colleagues across the city with end of Key Stage 2 teacher assessment of Writing. It also provides professional development which supports their own classroom practice.

If you or a member of your team are interested in this role and meet the criteria, we would be pleased to receive an application.

Each person wishing to become a moderator should request the application form by emailing vincent.hampton@derby.gov.uk. It will need to be completed and returned by Thursday 9th November 2023.

Applicants should be available for new moderator training on Thursday 23rd November (am), KS2 Moderator Training on Thursday 11th January (am) and KS2 Moderation Standardisation Exercise on Wednesday 17th January (pm).

Previous moderators do not need to complete this application form. You will have already received emails to confirm next steps.

www.gov.uk/STA

For more information contact Vincent Hampton

Email: vincent.hampton@derby.gov.uk

Telephone Number: 07552 860224

Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Training Course

DERBY CITY LA STATUTORY ASSESSMENT TRAINING for KS2 - Please book now!

We recommend that at least one member of SLT or the Year 6 teaching team attends this course.

This course will outline the process for statutory assessment at the end of Key Stage 2. It will ensure all attendees have an understanding of test arrangements as well as recording and reporting for 2024. STA resources will be referenced, including the Assessment and Reporting Arrangements (ARA).

We will also take the opportunity to explore teacher assessment of writing, including common myths and misconceptions around moderation, such as the range of pieces required and levels of independence necessary for pupils in their writing.

Date: Tuesday 14th November

Time: 9:00am to 12noon

Venue: Nightingale Hall, Derby Leisure and Events Venue, Moor Lane, Derby, DE24 9H.

Cost: £40 per person

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served, but please only book places you know you will take up to ensure as many schools as possible can attend.

To book please email specialistsupport@derby.gov.uk with the following:

- school name
- names of attendees
- email address of each attendee

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