

EPHA Meetings Academic Year 2016/2017

Autumn term 2016

N-EAST	Wednesday 9 November	Colchester Stadium
SOUTH	Thursday 10 November	Holiday Inn, Basildon
WEST	Wednesday 16 November	Weston Homes Takeley
MID	Thursday 17 November	Chelmsford City Football Club

Spring term 2017

SOUTH	Wednesday 22 February	Holiday Inn, Basildon
N-EAST	Thursday 23 February	Colchester Stadium
WEST	Wednesday 1 March	Weston Homes Takeley
MID	Thursday 2 March	Chelmsford City Football Club

Summer term 2017

SOUTH	Wednesday 14 June	Holiday Inn, Basildon
N-EAST	Thursday 15 June	Colchester Stadium
WEST	Wednesday 21 June	Weston Homes Takeley
MID	Thursday 22 June	Chelmsford City Football Club

Meetings start at **9.00 am** and *please* book out the whole day to ensure you benefit from the EPHA and Local Authority input. The agendas will be emailed to schools at least a week in advance of the meeting, and are available on the EPHA website.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided free at the meetings.

Contact your Area Chair with any concerns, questions or issues you would like to discuss with colleagues.

DfE consultations

The DfE is carrying out a number of consultations, including an inquiry into primary assessment, and the most recent Green Paper – *Schools that work for everyone*. This consultation closes on 12

December. EPHA will produce a response but all headteachers are encouraged to submit their own response at

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/school-frameworks/schools-that-work-for-everyone>

EPHA CONFERENCE NEWS

Thank you to the 240 deputy and assistant headteachers who attended their annual conference, held on 14 October. They enjoyed presentations from Estelle Morris and Viv Grant, and took part in workshops about “Doing right for the very bright”, “Influencing with impact”, “Building successful teams” and “A whole school approach to SEND”.

This was our eleventh conference – they have become an annual fixture for many of our deputies and assistant heads; a summary of the evaluations is on the EPHA website.

Next year’s **Deputy Heads’ conference** will be held on **Friday 6 October 2017** at the **Weston Homes Community Stadium, Colchester**.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: HEADTEACHERS’ CONFERENCE

Friday 17 March 2017 Stock Brook Country Club – *key note speaker, Sir John Jones*. Further details and booking forms will be sent out in January.

EPHA Annual General Meeting

The EPHA Annual General Meeting took place on 6 October 2016 and the following headteachers were elected as officers for the coming year:

- Harriet Phelps-Knights Chair
- Nick Hutchings Vice-Chair
- Lyn Corderoy Executive Treasurer

The full Executive membership list, minutes of the AGM and the adopted Constitution and Financial Regulations are available on the EPHA website.

EPHA has updated its image, with a new website and logo, plus additional support and services for heads, including the opportunity to book termly cluster briefings to ensure you stay up to date.

You can contact EPHA through the website www.essexprimaryheads.co.uk via Pam Langmead, Professional Officer, at pam@langmead.me.uk

Nigel Hookway, Executive Director at nigelhookway@hotmail.com
Harriet Phelps-Knights EPHA Chair, via Janet Duke Primary

Termly meeting with Local Authority officers

The EPHA Executive met with Clare Kershaw and other LA Officers on 6 October 2016. The agenda included:

- A discussion around Fair Access Protocols and the challenges faced by expanding schools across Essex
- The use of penalty notices and the impact of the Platt case on schools and Local Authorities
- Current educational performance in Essex and the use of data when assessing schools

At the **EPHA AGM and Executive meetings** earlier in the day, headteachers discussed:

- Their experience of the Statutory Assessment Service and Specialist Teacher Teams
- The EPHA response to the primary assessment inquiry being held by the Education Select Committee
- EPHA priorities for 2016/17
- Reports from the Executive Director and Professional Officer

The minutes of the Executive meetings are available on the EPHA website

<http://essexprimaryheads.co.uk/meetings>