

EPHA Executive Meetings

The spring term EPHA Executive Meeting took place on 19 January 2023. A number of colleagues attended the meeting to further discussions around special school outreach, Year 6 – 7 transition, and an update from HR about teacher and support staff pay proposals. Questions and concerns were taken forward to the LA meeting with the Education Director later in the morning. That agenda included:

- a discussion of the challenges posed by industrial action and support from the LA
- the plans for the Essex Year of Numbers, following on from the successful Year of Reading
- proposals for school support from September
- a safeguarding update from Jo Barclay

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

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EPHA Meetings Academic Year 2022/2023

Spring term 2023

WEST	Wednesday 1 March	online
SOUTH	Thursday 2 March	Greenwoods Hotel
N-EAST	Wednesday 8 March	Colchester Football Stadium
MID	Thursday 9 March	The Lion Inn, Boreham

Summer term 2023

WEST	Wednesday 14 June	Manor of Groves
SOUTH	Thursday 15 June	Greenwoods Hotel
N-EAST	Wednesday 21 June	Colchester Football Stadium
MID	Thursday 22 June	The Lion Inn, Boreham

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

Universal Year 6 – 7 transition arrangements with Essex secondary schools

We have recently realised the positive impact of collaboration, as ASHE and EPHA have worked together to agree universal Year 6-7 transition arrangements for the majority of Essex primary and secondary schools. Historically the timing of transition events and requests for paperwork have varied widely, along with the information that has been required by secondary schools. At the recent EPHA Executive meeting the following arrangements were agreed with ASHE and secondary headteachers across most of Essex:

- The jointly agreed universal transition form will be circulated sometime after 1st March (when secondaries are informed which pupils will be transferring to their school) and will be completed by primary/junior schools by summer half term;
- Secondary schools will contact primary/junior schools to initiate further conversations about individual pupils, as indicated on the form;
- All Year 6 transition visits will be held in the week commencing 26th June and secondary schools will plan to hold these in the last week of June in future years.

Harlow schools are doing things slightly differently having previously agreed a template for information, but they are also running transition visits in the last week of June.

EPHA and ASHE will review these arrangements in the autumn term, but it is hoped that this will promote effective and efficient transition as pupils move on to their secondary school.

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Suspension and Permanent Exclusion training for Essex headteachers – Tanya Callman

There are a small number of spaces left for the training on Wednesday 3rd May 2023 at Hylands House, Chelmsford. We can accommodate around 120 at each session, and the day will run from 10.00 am to 4.15 pm. EACH PRIMARY-PHASE HEADTEACHER WILL BE OFFERED ONE FREE PLACE. (Limited) additional places will cost £40, to cover the day delegate rate for the venue, and I will send an invoice if you are asking for any paid places. This will be on a first come, first serve basis, so please contact Pam if you want to attend.

EPHA CONFERENCE NEWS

HEADTEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Friday 24 March 2023 Chelmsford City Race

Course *key note speakers and workshop*

presenters:

Phil Denton, Gareth Malone, Andrew Moffat, Ros Blackburn, Helen Youngman and Jenny Cliff.

There are still places available and we are really looking forward to holding the annual conference at the race course once again. Please contact Pam if you would like to attend.

Dates for the diary: This year's **Deputy Heads' conference** will be held on **Friday 13 October 2023** at the Colchester Football Stadium.

The **Small School Headteachers' Annual Conference** will be held on **Wednesday 18th October 2023**, at the Lion Inn, Boreham