

# NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2020

## EPHA Meetings Academic Year 2020/2021

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N-EAST	Wednesday 11 November	online
SOUTH	Thursday 12 November	online
WEST	Wednesday 18 November	online
MID	Thursday 19 November	online

Spring term 2021

N-EAST	Wednesday 3 March	"venue" to be confirmed
SOUTH	Thursday 4 March	"venue" to be confirmed
WEST	Wednesday 10 March	"venue" to be confirmed
MID	Thursday 11 March	"venue" to be confirmed

Summer term 2021

N-EAST	Wednesday 16 June	Colchester Stadium
SOUTH	Thursday 17 June	Holiday Inn, Basildon
WEST	Wednesday 23 June	Business Centre, Takeley
MID	Thursday 24 June	Chelmsford City Football Club

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

## EPHA Annual General Meeting

The EPHA Annual General Meeting took place on 7 October 2020 and the following headteachers were elected as officers for the coming year:

- Harriet Phelps-Knights Chair
- Nick Hutchings Vice-Chair
- Nicky Barrand Executive Treasurer

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

*Thank you to the 36 headteachers who have agreed to represent their colleagues on the EPHA Executive.*

## Priorities for the EPHA Executive in 2020/21

The EPHA Executive has discussed the areas for EPHA to focus on in the year ahead. It was agreed these should include:

- ✓ Support for school leaders around Covid-19
- ✓ Continuing collaborative working with partners
- ✓ Headteacher well-being
- ✓ Continuing the delivery of EPHA training, termly briefings, resources and website updates

If you have any thoughts or suggestions for additional priorities for the EPHA Executive, please contact the Professional Officer.

## CONTACT EPHA

*EPHA continues to offer support to all primary-phase headteachers with termly information briefings, training, regular emails, documents, updates and support by email, by phone and on the EPHA website*

[www.essexprimaryheads.co.uk](http://www.essexprimaryheads.co.uk)

Contact Pam Langmead, Professional Officer, at

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Harriet Phelps-Knights EPHA Chair,  
via Janet Duke Primary

## Termly meeting with Local Authority officers

The EPHA Executive met with Clare Kershaw and LA Officers on 7 October 2020. The agenda included:

- Discussion of support for central payment schools who have been asked to move to an external bank account.
- Support from the LA, including from the SEP and SEND teams.
- A proposal around future curriculum and assessment support for schools.

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

- EPHA priorities for 2020/21
- Feedback from meetings with the DfE and LA officers
- The current pressures on headteachers and your wellbeing

Michelle Winter attended the AGM to give a presentation about the Ofsted visits to schools in the autumn term.

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

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

## EPHA CONFERENCE NEWS

The Deputy and Assistant Heads' conference was held online this year and attended by over 180 delegates.

Despite a few Zoom glitches, the conference was welcomed and enjoyed by the deputies, who heard presentations from Lord Robert Winston, Drew Povey and Jaz Ampaw-Farr, as well as workshops around managing anxiety, Ofsted and the primary curriculum.

The conference has become a "do-not-miss" annual networking event for many of our deputies and assistant heads, and reflects EPHA's recognition and appreciation of their role and importance in our primary schools.

Next year's **Deputy Heads' conference** will be held on **Friday 8 October 2021**

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:  
HEADTEACHERS' CONFERENCE  
Friday 19 March 2021**

Sadly, we will need to hold the conference online in March, as it seems unlikely that we will be able to host a large gathering by then. Information will be sent to you early in the spring term, and we promise to book some amazing speakers for you to enjoy.