

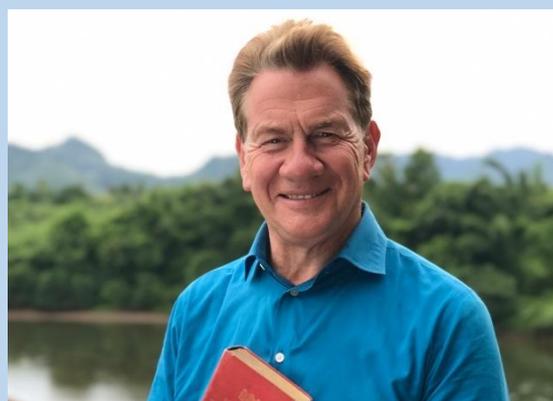
Programme

9.10 am The Zoom conference is opened – please join with a coffee/tea in hand

9.30 am **Harriet Phelps-Knights, Chair of EPHA**
Welcome and outlining the shape of the day.

9.35 am **LIFE: A GAME OF TWO HALVES**
Rt. Hon Michael Portillo

Michael Portillo describes a career that plunged overnight from giddy political heights to catastrophe, and then ascended to recovery. Still inspired by those who taught him in his youth, his second vocation is to make television programmes that transport and educate both presenter and viewer. Michael Portillo has enjoyed a high profile political and broadcasting career since his election to Parliament in 1984. He was a Cabinet member for the entire duration of the second Major Government, stepping down from front bench politics in 2001. His long-running series, Great British Railways Journeys, has entertained and informed television viewers over the last decade.



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10.30 am Coffee/Tea break

10.45 am **BACK ON TRACK**
Mary Myatt

- Why 'back on track'?
- What adds greatest value?
- Findings from cognitive science
- What needs to be cut?

Mary Myatt is an education adviser, writer and speaker. She trained as an RE teacher and is former local authority adviser and inspector. She engages with pupils, teachers and leaders about learning, leadership and the curriculum.

Mary has written extensively about leadership, school improvement and the curriculum: *'High Challenge, Low Threat'*, *'Hopeful Schools'* and *'The Curriculum: Gallimaufry to Coherence'* and *'Back on Track'*. She has also established ['The Soak'](#), an online platform with films for teacher, including teaching assistants and leaders including governors. She maintains that there are no quick fixes and that great outcomes for pupils are not achieved through tick boxes.

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12.30 pm Lunch break

1.00 pm LEADING IN AND OUT OF TOUGH TIMES

Drew Povey

How do we lead through moments of difficulty? This has certainly been the prevalent question for all leaders during the last few months. The world is changing at a rate like never before and many people are finding themselves overwhelmed both in their professional and personal lives. This challenge



is magnified exponentially for those who are in crucial leadership roles. Leaders who are earnestly and carefully trying to look after their people in the best way that they can, need at the same time to prioritise themselves so that they can continue to be the best leaders they can be.

Drew's session will explore how you can lead through these times of change and intense difficulty. High energy and impactful, it will provide you with specific walk-away ideas to be implemented immediately; ideas to help you front the challenges you are currently facing, to help you survive and thrive. *Drew Povey has over twenty years of professional experience in multi-sector executive-level leadership across a wide range of sectors including education, elite-level sport, corporate, non-profit and Government settings. Drew is continually exploring and developing the latest thinking and practice to best prepare and empower individuals, teams and organisations for this ever-changing world in which we live.*

1.55 pm Comfort break

2.10 pm THE SECRET STORIES OF ENGLISH

Susie Dent

Susie Dent, is an English lexicographer, etymologist and media personality. She has appeared in "Dictionary Corner" on the Channel 4 game show Countdown every year since 1992. She also appears on 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown, a post-watershed comedy version of the show presented by comedian Jimmy Carr.



Susie's presentation gives us an entertaining but informative talk about words and their hidden stories. How even the most everyday terms have a secret past that can thrill and intrigue. She'll talk about the evolution of language and its muddy but beautiful course; how mistakes can become our standard, and why English spelling is so very tricky (but also so rewarding). Finally, Susie will talk about words of hope and optimism rather than the negative ones we've become accustomed to.

3.00 pm Close

EPHA HEADTEACHERS' CONFERENCE 2021

Virtual conference to be held by Zoom Friday 19th March 2021
BOOKING FORM (No telephone bookings please)

First name/Surname

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/other

Your contact email address –*essential* so that you can be invited to the conference

Name of school

There will be no charge for the conference this year. Thank you to all Essex primary headteachers for your hard work and continuing commitment to their school and community in these challenging times.

Booking information

Please complete this booking form and send it

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You will receive an acknowledgment of your booking and a Zoom invitation to join the conference.

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