

Next Inset Day

INSET 28th March 2022
This will include a Prevent update

Tuesday 12th July Service Day

Communities of Practice

English - Monday April 11th at 12 p.m.
PSHE/RSE – 18th March 12 p.m.

Digital Tools

Please see [HantsNews item](#) on New Room booking system and meeting room technology for hybrid meetings.

Hybrid Teams Meeting Room Technology



[Hybrid meeting room technology](#)

[Meeting room upgrades - coming next week \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

MS Teams – new features

Pin a message in chat

- Pin a specific message to the top of a chat so that it is always visible to the members of the chat—regardless of the number of messages that come afterwards. Pin or unpin any message and select the pinned message to jump to its original location. Currently, only a single message can be pinned at a time and any chat members can freely pin or unpin a message in the chat. Learn more at [Hide, unhide, mute, or pin a chat in Teams](#)

Change how many messages you see at one time

- Whether you want to optimize to see more text at once or read less text at a more comfortable level, Teams lets you customize the chat density to suit your needs. By default, chat density is set to comfy mode, but if you'd like to see more text you can change this in your settings. Learn more at [Change the spacing of your chat messages in Teams](#)

Turn off mirror my video

- You now have the option to stop mirroring the image of your video preview—the small preview window that allows you to see what your video looks like during meetings. So, you can see your video preview the way other meeting participants see you. This makes it less distracting for presenters when trying to lead discussions, lessons, etc., during online meetings. Learn more at [Turn off mirror my video in Teams meetings](#)

Safeguarding

A reminder that all learners should receive information on safeguarding, and that we have a designated safeguarding email HASafeguarding@hants.gov.uk for learners

Reasonable adjustments:

Cognassist have a useful article on reasonable adjustments and removing barriers to education, to explore this further please use the link below. The guidance is aimed at apprenticeship providers and gives clear examples of different adjustments to make.

[Reasonable Adjustments Hub - Cognassist](#)

You will all be aware that restrictions relating to Covid-19 have been removed. However, it is still important that we work safely and do not put others at risk of infection, with this in mind Phillip would like to actively encourage all colleagues across the service to continue to regularly test themselves (we have good supplies still of LTF test) so that we can make informed decision regarding attending the workplace or not.

Don't forget to share any useful webinars with your colleagues and if you have any recommendation that would support across the wider team then please let me know so they can be included in the next update.

Situation in Ukraine

As the concerning events in the Ukraine continue to escalate, the DfE have issued resources to support schools, colleges, and families to talk to children and young people about the situation.

[Help for teachers and families to talk to pupils about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and how to help them avoid misinformation. - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

One issues we would ask you to be particularly alert to is the potential for young adults, or anyone else, considering responding to the Ukrainian government's call for the formation of an International Combat Legion, and the associated safeguarding risks this presents. Please do flag such concerns early and via existing safeguarding routes. The UK government is not supporting this call.

Promoting Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion

Themes for April

April is Stress awareness month [Stress Awareness Month 2022 - The Stress Management Society](#)

World Autism Acceptance Week 2022 March 28 - April 3 [World Autism Acceptance Week 2022](#)

2022 Friday, April 22nd Stephen Lawrence Day

2022 Thursday, April 21st National Tea Day [National Tea Day in United Kingdom in 2022 | There is a Day for that!](#)

April 20 - April 25 allergy awareness week
National Shakespeare Day 23rd Apr

2022 [Shakespeare's Celebrations \(shakespearescelebrations.com\)](#)

Don't forget HCC has support and guidance for all staff on managing well being [Looking after your mental health and wellbeing \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

VLE use

We have recently added some new plugins to the VLE

[Moodle plugins directory: Flexible format](#) builds and improves upon the popular Grid format adding:

- Better responsiveness on mobile devices
- Modal popup for section summaries
- Auto generation of SVG images where no image has been added to a section
- Ability to show completion per section
- Ability to show images within individual course sections
- Ability to make certain sections pop out of the grid in a collapsible manner

[Moodle plugins directory: Structured label](#) is designed to allow teachers to add attractive

content blocks to break up their pages without needing to understand HTML.

For more information follow the links or contact kevin.rhodes@hants.gov.uk if you want to know more about the plugins available on the Skills & Participation VLE

VLE Forums

Forums are a tool for producing structured discussions, and they are also a valuable means of supporting a sense of community and belonging when opportunities for social interaction are limited to the classroom or virtual learning environment (VLE).

This guide ([HERE](#)) outlines how to set-up a forum activity within Moodle and how to construct and moderate impactful discussions.

Communities of Practice



Please make sure that any resources or mins of meetings are uploaded to the VLE.

All working directly with young people should be allocated to a specific community of

practice, however we do not wish to limit individuals access to collaborative opportunities, if you would like to contribute to another C of P then do, please contact the C of P lead

Maths – Rachel McCarthy
English - Tammi Dollman-Havercroft
Science - Gail Mott
Post 16 - Tom Shrimpton
Art/Creative/PE - Graham Tench
PSHE - Sam Saye
Learning/skills Coaches – Bev Morse

CPD opportunities

The National Careers Service is delighted to announce its schedule of FREE virtual workshops for this March; are available for those who live in **Surrey, Hampshire**, and the **Isle of Wight**. They are all delivered by our highly skilled team of career advisers and cover a range of topics that can support and give you the tools to get into or back into work, looking to progression in your current role or start a training or learning course.

Please see attached our latest flyer, including details about each workshop and how to register. I have also attached a leaflet containing more information about the National Careers Service and what else we can offer.

- Creating A Winning CV Workshop – Friday 11th March @ 10am – 11am
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/272047229587>
- Preparing For Job Search Workshop – Friday 11th March @ 10am – 11am
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/272576572867>
- Digital and Social Media – Impact Your Online Presence Workshop – Friday 11th March @ 10am – 11am
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/272579341147>
- Careers In The Green Energy Sector – Wednesday 16th March @ 10am – 11:30am
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/272158051057>
- Executive, Professional and Graduates Workshop – Friday 18th March @ 10am – 12:30pm
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/272567475657>



- Civil Service Careers – Wednesday
23rd March @ 10am – 11:30am
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/272156616767>
- Interview Techniques Support
Workshop – Wednesday 23rd March @
10am – 11am
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/272566191817>
- Creating A Winning CV Workshop –
Wednesday 30th March @ 10am –
11am
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/272053819297>
- Preparing For Job Search Workshop –
Wednesday 30th March @ 10am –
11am
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/272578047277>

Alternatively, we also offer 1-2-1 appointment either; via a telephone call or face-to-face can be arranged with one of our career advisers – please contact me for further information or to book in with us. You can also call our booking line to secure your place on our workshops, or to book in for a 1-2-1 telephone careers advice session on: 01329 559169.

The National Careers Service is a FREE service for adults 19+(18 if on benefits) for information, advice and guidance relating to work or learning.