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Subject hubs

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Overview

This support is designed to develop expertise in a teaching a specific subject or discipline and complements the Early Career Framework and national professional qualifications.

Cost

Support is either fully funded or subsidised depending on the programme.

Who can access

All state-funded schools and colleges, special schools and alternative provision setting in England are eligible for support but some hubs only target specific phases

of education.

English hub support is currently available for primary schools.

Modern foreign languages support is available for secondary schools.

English hubs

English hubs offer a range of support and continuing professional development (CPD) to primary schools to improve the teaching of early reading, with a particular focus on systematic synthetic phonics, early language and reading for pleasure.

This consists of tailored support from a literacy specialist, CPD and funding to buy phonics and early language resources.

There are 34 English hubs.

Cost

The support offered by English Hubs is mostly free and funded by the Department for Education (DfE). Contact your English hub for details.

How to access

Find your English hub and contact them directly.

Maths hubs

Maths hubs provide support to schools and colleges to help them continuously improve mathematics education.

This consists of working with teachers and leaders from reception through to key stage 5 via CPD, leadership communities and early career teacher professional communities.

More information on different support offered for each phase is available on the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics' website.

There are 40 maths hubs.

Cost

All of the support offered to schools by maths hubs is entirely free of charge for state-funded schools and colleges.

How to access

Find your maths hub and contact them directly.

Computing hubs

Computing hubs offer CPD, guidance and support to local schools and colleges, to improve the teaching of computing and increase participation in computer science qualifications.

Computing hubs work with teachers from key stages 1 to 5 via development programmes, certification, and peer networking. They also signpost to teaching resources and lesson plans.

More information on different support offered for each phase is available on the teach computing website.

There are 34 computing hubs.

Cost

For state-funded schools and colleges, all resources and online CPD is entirely free of charge, whereas CPD delivered by hubs is subsidised.

Schools and colleges are eligible for fully funded support from a subject expert if they meet one of the following criteria:

- are located in local authority districts 5 and 6
- are not currently offering GCSE computer science
- only started teaching GCSE computer science in the last 2 years

Local authority districts 5 and 6

East Midlands

You can access support from your local computing hub, if you're located in:

- Amber Valley
- Ashfield
- Bolsover
- Broxtowe
- Chesterfield
- Corby
- Daventry
- Derby
- East Lindsey
- East Northamptonshire
- Erewash

- High Peak
- Kettering
- Leicester
- Lincoln
- Mansfield
- Newark and Sherwood
- Northampton
- North East Derbyshire
- Nottingham
- South Derbyshire
- South Holland
- Wellingborough

East of England

You can access support from your local computing hub, if you're located in:

- Babergh
- Braintree
- Breckland
- East Cambridgeshire
- Fenland
- Forest Heath
- Great Yarmouth
- Huntingdonshire
- Ipswich
- King's Lynn and West Norfolk
- Luton
- Mid Suffolk
- Norwich
- Peterborough
- St Edmundsbury
- Stevenage
- Tendring
- Waveney

North-east

You can access support from your local computing hub, if you're located in:

- Middlesbrough
- Northumberland

North-west

You can access support from your local computing hub, if you're located in:

- Allerdale
- Blackpool
- Burnley
- Carlisle
- Eden
- Halton
- Knowsley

- Liverpool 2
- Oldham
- Pendle
- Rochdale
- Salford
- Sefton
- St. Helens
- Tameside
- Warrington
- Wirral

South-east

You can access support from your local computing hub, if you're located in:

- Arun
- Ashford
- Basingstoke and Deane
- Bracknell Forest
- Crawley
- Gosport
- Gravesham
- Hastings
- Havant
- Isle of Wight
- Lewes
- Medway
- Milton Keynes
- Portsmouth
- Reading
- Thanet
- Worthing

South-west

You can access support from your local computing hub, if you're located in:

- Swindon
- Torridge
- West Somerset
- Weymouth and Portland

West Midlands

You can access support from your local computing hub, if you're located in:

- Cannock Close
- Coventry 3
- Dudley
- East Staffordshire
- North Warwickshire
- Nuneaton and Bedworth
- Sandwell
- South Staffordshire

- Stafford
- Staffordshire Moorlands
- Stoke-on-Trent
- Tamworth
- Telford and Wrekin
- Walsall
- Wolverhampton
- Wychavon
- Wyre Forest

Yorkshire and the Humber

You can access support from your local computing hub, if you're located in:

- Barnsley
- Bradford
- Doncaster
- East Riding of Yorkshire
- Kingston upon Hull, City of
- Kirklees
- North East Lincolnshire
- North Lincolnshire
- Scarborough
- Sheffield

How to access

Find your computing hub and contact them directly.

Science learning partnerships

Science learning partnerships offer CPD and networking support to local schools and colleges, to improve the teaching of science and increase attainment and progression in the sciences.

Science learning partnerships work with teachers from reception to key stage 5 to identify CPD needs and address them.

There are 29 science learning partnerships.

Cost

The cost of support varies between courses and is subsidised by DfE. Contact your science learning partnership for details.

How to access

Find your science learning partnership on the STEM Learning website and apply to them directly.

Music hubs

Music hubs bring together schools, trusts, local authorities, and art, community and voluntary organisations to make sure all children and young people access high quality music education in and out of school.

Music hubs also ensure their teachers have access to music CPD.

There are 118 music hubs.

Cost

The amount of subsidised provision offered by music hubs is determined by each hub in response to local need.

How to access

Find your music hub and contact them directly.

Modern foreign languages CPD

Modern foreign languages CPD is offered by the National Centre for Excellence for Language Pedagogy (NCELP).

Building on the work of a pilot modern foreign languages hubs programme, specialist teachers from NCELP are delivering online CPD in language pedagogy to secondary school teachers of:

- French
- German
- Spanish

NCELP also provides resources to support teaching in these subjects.

Cost

The CPD programme is entirely free of charge for state-funded schools and

colleges.

How to access

Find details of both the CPD and resources offer on the NCELP website.

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