



The East Midlands South Hub meets three times a year to consider issues concerning or exciting Hub members, review our Action Plan, QA Review updates, school to school support and sharing leading practice



Though the priorities identified in our Hub Action Plan we schedule expert input from within and beyond the educational landscape to ensure that the Hub has access to high quality knowledge exchange.



The Hub Steering Group exists to lead the culture of the hub, define priorities, support distribution of resources, liaise with school leaders and design impact and evaluation metrics which support continuous improvement.

Email the Clerk [Emma Kowalski](#) with any East Midlands South Hub queries

Download the EMS Challenge Partners Event Calendar
Use [iCal](#) to import the sessions and links to your calendar

Join our EMS Steering Group to help to shape and influence the Hub activity .
Email Hub Manager [Simon Renshaw](#) to express an interest

East Midlands South Event Calendar 2025/26



The Mead
Institute
of Professional
Learning

Thursday 2nd October 2025
16.00–17.00

Join us for the first webinar this year
Neil Gilbride – Self-efficacy



Wednesday 8th October 2025
16.00-17.00

Steering Group Meeting 1



Friday 14th November 2025
9.30-11.30 Hub Meeting 1

Join us for the first Hub meeting of the
year @ Heatherbrook Primary Academy



Missed one of our sessions?

You can catch up on all the
recordings and resources on our
website

Tuesday 25th November 2025
16.00-17.00

Join us for the second webinar this year
Dan Fitzpatrick - Artificial Intelligence



Thursday 15th January 2026
16.00-17.00

Steering Group Meeting 2



Wednesday 21st January 2026
16.00-17.30

Join us for the third webinar this year
Tom Bennett - Attendance



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Friday 6th February 2026
9.30-11.30 Hub Meeting 2

Join us for the second Hub meeting of the
year @ South Wigston High School



Thursday 12th March 2026
16.00-17.00

Join us for the fourth webinar this year
Alex Quigley – Writing and HPA



Tuesday 28th April 2026
16.00-17.00

Join us for the fifth webinar this year
Pep Mccrea - Motivation and attention



Key

Sessions are suitable for:

- Hub school Leaders
- Hub specialist Roles
- Hub Teachers

Friday 19th June 2026
9.30-11.30 Hub Meeting 3

Join us for the final Hub meeting of the
year @ Orchard Mead Academy



Wednesday 24th June 2026
16.00-17.00

Steering Group Meeting 3





Neil Gilbride – Self-efficacy

Neil is an Associate Dean at Ambition Institute and a consultant with Neil Gilbride Consultancy. With over 14 years' experience across the public, voluntary and private sectors, he has worked as a teacher, researcher, middle leader, school social worker, carer, counsellor and governor. His academic background spans Biomedical Science, Special Educational Needs, and Leadership Development. As a Chartered Psychologist, Neil focuses on leadership, inclusion and organisational behaviour—particularly within education. His current research explores how adult development shapes the way leaders think, feel and behave.

Thursday 2nd
October 2025
16.00-17.00

Online
webinar

Hub Schools
Register
attendance
[here](#)





Join us for the first Hub meeting of the
year with Steve Rollett. Hosted by LWLAT
@Heatherbrook Primary Academy

Friday 14th
November 2025
9.30-11.30

Heatherbrook
Primary
Academy

Hub Schools
Register
attendance
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Dan Fitzpatrick

Dan is an experienced educational strategist who enables schools to innovate in an AI world. Harnessing the transformative power of artificial intelligence, participants will gain hands-on experience, delving deep into AI's potential in the educational realm. Dan's expertise ensures that by the workshop's conclusion, attendees will possess a functional AI tool, primed to enhance their leadership capabilities and streamline administrative tasks.

Tuesday 25th
November 2025
16.00-17.00

Online
webinar

Hub Schools
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attendance
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Tom Bennett - Attendance

Tom Bennett was a teacher in the East End of London for thirteen years. Currently he is the Director and founder of researchED, a grass-roots, teacher-led project that aims to make teachers research-literate and pseudo-science proof. Since 2013 researchED has grown from a tweet to an international conference movement that so far has spanned three continents and six countries. Tom has also been appointed as one of the government's behaviour and attendance ambassador for the DfE.

Wednesday 21st
January 2026
16.00-17.30

Online
webinar

Hub Schools
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attendance
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Join us for the second Hub meeting of the
year hosted by TMET @ South Wigston
High School with Kat Howard

Friday 6th
February 2026
9.30-11.30

St Thomas Rd,
South Wigston,
Wigston,
Leicester LE18
4TA

Hub Schools
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attendance
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Alex Quigley – Writing and HPA

Alex is a blogger and the proud author of books including, 'Why Learning Fails (And What To Do About It)', 'Closing the Reading Gap', 'Closing the Writing Gap', 'Closing the Vocabulary Gap', along with 'The Confident Teacher'.

After spending over fifteen years in the classroom, Alex now supports the cause of education from the other side of the school gates. For most of the week, Alex works for an educational charity, supporting teachers and school leaders to access research evidence and to break the link between educational outcomes and parental income.

Thursday 12th
March 2026
16.00-17.00

Online
webinar

Hub Schools
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Peps Mccrea - Motivation and attention

Peps Mccrea is an award-winning teacher educator, designer and author. He is Director of Education at Steplab and author of the ultraconcise *High Impact Teaching* series. Peps has three Masters degrees, Fellowships from the Young Academy and University of Brighton.

Tuesday 28th
April 2026
16.00-17.00

Online
webinar

Hub Schools
Register
attendance
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Join us for the Final Hub meeting of the
year hosted by Sinead McBrearty

Friday 19th June
2026
9.30-11.30

Orchard Mead
Academy,
Keyham Ln W,
Leicester LE5
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Midlands South Hub
Attendance 2025 26**



**Challenge Partners East
Midlands South Hub
Meeting Evaluation 2025 26**

