

# Learning Matters

## News and information for staff in educational settings

Autumn term – September 26 2008

Articles which cover national curriculum key stages as per following codes

**EYF:** For early years foundation

**KS1:** For key stage 1 staff

**KS2:** For key stage 2 staff

**KS3:** For key stage 3 staff

**KS4:** For key stage 4 staff

**ALL:** For staff across all stages

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**Welcome from Christine McInnes**

**Update on developing leadership skills in headteacher commissioning event on February 7 2008**

The developing leadership skills in headteacher commissioning event was arranged to engage the headteachers and officers in agreeing a £400,000 spending plan based on local needs. This was an opportunity for the quadrant groups to be involved in an exercise that not only provided real practice in agreeing group priorities, but also offered real activities to the schools.

A range of work has been commissioned and delivery is either now underway or is planned to start later in the academic year. If you require further information, please see the attached [update](#) on all the projects and contact the named person direct.

Regards

**Christine McInnes**

**Assistant director, leadership and learning services**

## General information and news

### Get festive and win prizes

We are launching a competition for young people to design a festive scene which will grace the cover of the December issue of Southwark Life. If you have a flair for art and design, now's your chance to see your work on display across Southwark. The winning designs will also be turned into this year's Southwark Council Christmas card and e-cards.

Follow this link for more [information and entry form](#)

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Call: 020 7525 4317

Email: [kylie.pawson@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:kylie.pawson@southwark.gov.uk)

### Research into anxiety disorders

The child and adolescent anxiety clinic and the South London and Maudsley NHS trust is conducting research to develop improved treatments for children with anxiety problems. This research allows the clinic to offer treatment to children suffering from anxiety problems that may affect attendance at school or academic and social functioning. The clinic are keen for children and their families to self-refer if they are having problems with anxiety or for professionals to refer anxious families to the clinic.

#### What do these anxiety problems look like

- Frequent or uncontrollable worries about school, health or crime, or about something bad happening to them or the family
- Needs frequent reassurance that everything will be OK
- Frequently appears nervous or tense
- Very anxious or clingy at home - at night or when parents leave the room or have to go out of the house
- Often complains about feeling sick to try to avoid going to school
- Frequently calls or texts parents to see if they are OK

If a child is having these problems their parents can self-refer or professionals can refer to the clinic for assessment or how to receive help elsewhere. By contacting the clinic there is no commitment to taking part in the research; information will be provided about the research at the end of the assessment and time to think about whether the family wish to take part or not.

The research design has been approved by the appropriate ethics committee. Southwark children's services are happy to recommend this research to the families of potential participants.

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For further information

Call: 020 3228 2564 (Dr Susanna Payne, Clinical Psychologist)

The separation and worry project, The anxiety disorders clinic,  
Michael Rutter centre  
Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill SE5 8AZ

## Courses, conferences and meetings

### Sheffield Hallam university and BECTA digital learning workshop

Sheffield Hallam University and BECTA are running a workshop for all ICT subject leaders. They are seeking your views on how you use digital resources in the classroom. This will inform how national policy is developed in the future.

Venue: **Southwark City learning centre**

Camberwell

London SE5 0RP

**Date:** October 15 2008

**Time:** 1pm to 3.30pm

Click here for [workshop flyer](#)

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To book a place contact Carla Mckenzie:

Email: [cmckenzie@southwarkclc.org](mailto:cmckenzie@southwarkclc.org)

### Create a happy and constructive lunchtime: Training for lunchtime supervisors and their managers.

This is a training course for lunchtime supervisors and managers who would like to know more about:

- preliminary meeting with the headteacher / senior manager to discuss the school's needs
- focusing on: listening skills, building relationships with children, managing behaviour and assertive communication.
- Feedback / action planning session with lunchtime supervisors and their managers

Click here for information [flyer](#) and [training course details](#)

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To book a course:

Call Shirley Rose on 020 8886 2161

Email: [Shirley@crorose.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:Shirley@crorose.eclipse.co.uk)

Web: [www.shirleyrose.co.uk](http://www.shirleyrose.co.uk)

## Working together to give young people more creative opportunities

Free teachers' CPD day

**Venue:** Tate Modern

**Date:** October 20 2008

**Time:** 9am – 4.30pm

Open link for [invite](#), [course flyer](#) and [sessions detail](#)

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Call: 020 7928 3313

Email: [charlotte.smith@southbankcentre.co.uk](mailto:charlotte.smith@southbankcentre.co.uk)

Web: [www.sowf.co.uk](http://www.sowf.co.uk)

## Working with black African children and families

Southwark children's services, in collaboration with AFRUCA – Africans unite against child abuse is holding a one-day single agency training course for practitioners working in the education sector in Southwark.

**Date:** Wednesday October 15 2008

**Time:** 8:45am to 4:00pm

**Venue:** Learning and development centre  
Cator Street  
London SE15 0AA

Click here for [flyer](#) and [training application form](#)

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For more information

Call: 020 7525 3660

Email: [debra.quee@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:debra.quee@southwark.gov.uk)

## Southwark guarantee annual conference

The annual Southwark guarantee conference is aimed at head and senior managers. Mick Waters, the Director of Curriculum at QCA, will deliver the keynote speech entitled "Future Curriculum 11-19 reform".

The rest of the conference will explore what this means for Southwark and how we can move forward collaboratively.

**Date:** October 22 2008

**Venue:** Learning and development centre

Cator Street

London SE15 0AA

**Time:** 9am to 1pm

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To reserve a place:

Call: 020 7525 5285

Email: [1419partnership@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:1419partnership@southwark.gov.uk)

### **“Caring Parent” for the caring parent**

The road safety team has purchased The caring parent guide which has been written to remind parents of the dangers of the roads. This excellent guide produced by the London Accident Prevention Council offers practical advice on how you and your family can avoid becoming one of these statistics.

Free copies of this guide are being sent out to all Southwark primary and junior schools.

[Letter](#) attached for further information.

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Call: 020 7525 5566

Email: [gareth.tuffery@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:gareth.tuffery@southwark.gov.uk)

## Letters and documents

Letters and other documents for staff in education settings from the local authority are all available on the Southwark Council website. Please check the [correspondence page](#) regularly for new mail. We will send you a list of all new correspondence every Friday, either here within Learning Matters, or by email to school headteachers on the weeks when Learning Matters is not published.

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We would like to hear your news, information, good practice and achievements or any thoughts on this issue.

Please let us know by emailing [childrens.services@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:childrens.services@southwark.gov.uk)