



#tEdFest

PLYMOUTH

THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2026

TOR BRIDGE HIGH

WELCOME TO

**tEdFest 26*

Welcome to tEdFest 2026

It is with great excitement that we welcome you to this year's tEdFest, a celebration of learning, collaboration and the incredible expertise that exists across our Trust.

Last year's festival brought together more than 1,600 colleagues for a truly inspiring day of professional learning. The impact of that event was recognised through our nomination and shortlisting for the MAT Excellence Awards for Staff Development, a reflection of the passion, generosity and commitment of so many people across our community. We are so proud of you all.

This year's programme continues that spirit. Whether you are looking to deepen your classroom practice, strengthen your leadership skills, explore new ideas in education, or invest in your wellbeing, there is something here for everyone. Our programme reflects the breadth of talent and experience within our schools, alongside the insights and expertise of our valued external contributors and partners.

At the heart of tEdFest is a belief that we are stronger together. Every session represents a colleague or partner willing to share their knowledge, spark new thinking and support the growth of others. To all our facilitators and our host schools, Exmouth Community College, St James and Tor Bridge High, thank you. Your enthusiasm, expertise and generosity make this day possible.

We hope you will be inspired, challenged and energised by the opportunities ahead. Take some time to explore the programme, be ambitious in your choices, and book early for the sessions that excite you most. We cannot wait to come together once again for what promises to be another unforgettable day of learning, connection and celebration.

Happy booking, and we look forward to seeing you at tEdFest 2026!



BUILD YOUR PERFECT DAY

How to build your perfect day:

1



Browse the brochure

Take some time to browse through our brochure and choose the sessions you'd like to attend.

2



Note the letters

Note down your preferences for sessions you are most interested in.

Keynote
(1 slot)

A

B

C

D

E

Workshop
(2 slots)

AB

BC

CD

DE

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Contact us to book

Email us via twinstitute@tedwraggtrust.co.uk with the courses you'd like to book.

EXAMPLE DAYS



There are lots of ways to fill your day!

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Covers **A B C D E**

SLOT TIMINGS

A 09:50 – 10:50

B 11:00–11:50

C 12:00–12:50

D 13:00–13:50

E 14:00–14:50

GET TO KNOW YOUR VENUE

TOR BRIDGE HIGH

Proudly hosting tEdFest 2026

“We believe in high expectations for students of all abilities and preparing every young person for a fulfilling, independent future.”



QUICK FACTS



LOCATION
Plymouth,
Devon



STUDENTS
Over 1100
students



STAFF
Over 160
members of
staff



SIXTH FORM
Post-16
provision



TRUST
Joined the Ted
Wragg Trust in
2024



CAMPUS
Officially
opened in 2012

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT TOR BRIDGE HIGH?

Students at Tor Bridge High have enjoyed a year of aspiration, achievement and opportunity, from visits to Spaceport Cornwall and meeting local leaders to workplace experiences with industry partners, an educational visit to New York and a second consecutive unbeaten season for the school's basketball teams.



tEdFest ESSENTIALS



TRANSPORT
No onsite parking
available



REFRESHMENTS
Tea, coffee and
refreshments
provided



ARRIVAL
Tor Bridge High,
PL6 8UN



ACCESSIBILITY
Fully accessible
venue



HELPDESK
Support desk
available
throughout the day



LUNCH
Lunch provided



A huge thank you to Tor Bridge High for hosting tEdFest 26. We look forward to welcoming our colleagues for a fantastic day of professional development!



The #tEdFest Experience

Our first #tEdFest brought colleagues from across our Trust together to share ideas, build connections and explore a wide range of professional learning. Before you discover the 2026 offer, take a look back at some of last year's highlights and hear what colleagues had to say.



WATCH OUR 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

See #tEdFest in action



https://youtu.be/8l2_8N6q16l?si=H-G47zN62ggclwk-



Scan to watch

What You said

“

Sector leading opportunity

“

tEdFest reminded me how proud I am of the work we do together

“

The opportunity to develop our own practice was fantastic

“

It was so nice to see so many different schools coming together.

“

Such a fantastic buzz around everywhere

“

Every session offered something new, and I came away with ideas I can actually use and build on

“

Each facilitator was passionate, engaging and knowledgeable

“

The thought, attention to detail and sense of belonging it fostered were like nothing I have ever experienced before.

“

It was the best CPD I have ever experienced; from the breadth of the offer to the execution on the day.

“

It was a lovely networking day, and the knowledge I have gained I will be able to put into practice.

“

It was the most uplifting and inspiring day I have been involved in.

🕒 09:50 – 10:50

KEYNOTES

SLOT **A**

★ Headliners ★

Me, AI, and My Kids

● All
👤 Tim Rutherford

Ted Wragg Takes Boys Seriously

● All
👤 Alex Blower

Your AI Questions, Answered

● All
👤 Ben Siu

Cost of Living

● All
👤 Joanne Barham

Creating the culture – the importance and power of common language

● All
👤 Simon Weir

Deep Learning Not Superficial Performance

● All Teachers
👤 Doug O'Brien

Sound Bath Experience

● All
👤 Mary Forrest

Swiss Cheese Teaching: Knowing Not Why

● All Teachers
👤 Hayley Bissenen & Emma Owen

The Quiet Classroom – Silent Disco!

● All
👤 SilentDiscos4U

Unreasonable Hospitality – how does this fit with your setting?

● All
👤 Jemma Uren

Visual Strategies That Benefit All

● All
👤 Lisa Pinkerton



**FULLY
BOOKED**

 09:50 – 11:50

WORKSHOPS

SLOT **AB**

Crafting Corner

 All

 Stacey Parker

Implementing the New Physical Education Curriculum

 All Teachers

 Keira Wylie

Instant Feedback, Real Progress

 Secondary
Teachers

 Ashley Smith

What Makes School Environments Inclusive

 All

 Beth Williams



**FULLY
BOOKED**

🕒 11:00 – 11:50

KEYNOTES

SLOT **B**

★ Headliners ★

Making AI Yours

● All
👤 Ben Slu

Needed for Some, Benefiting All

● All
👤 Amjad Ali

What is 'belonging'?

● All
👤 Siobhan Meredith

Eyes of the Examiner An Inspector Calls

● Secondary Teachers
👤 Chris Langmead

Frauds and Scams

● All
👤 Joanne Barham

It's Your Turn: Taking Charge of Your Career Development

● All
👤 Tracey Matthews

PSHE and Citizenship 11-16

● Secondary Teachers
👤 Adam Thomas

Sound Bath Experience

● All
👤 Mary Forrest

Swiss Cheese Teaching: Knowing Not Why

● All Teachers
👤 Hayley Bissenen & Emma Owen

Teach Coach Thrive

● All
👤 Sarah Bridge

The power of listening

● All
👤 Lisa Thomas

'The Third Teacher' in the Early Years Foundation Stage

● Primary Teachers
👤 Hannah Rowe

The Quiet Classroom – Silent Disco!

● All
👤 SilentDiscos4U

The white paper 8 months on.....

● All
👤 Matt Bindon



11:00 – 11:50

KEYNOTES

SLOT **B**

**Visual Strategies
That Benefit All**

☒ All

 Lisa Pinkerton



**FULLY
BOOKED**



11:00 – 12:50

WORKSHOPS

SLOT **BC**

What makes an effective coaching conversation?

 All Teachers

 Denise Smith

Parental Mental Illness

 All

 Paula Davies



**FULLY
BOOKED**

🕒 12:00 – 12:50

KEYNOTES

SLOT

★ Headliners ★

Shape tomorrow's skills, today

● All

👤 Marc Bernard

Understanding pupil vulnerability

● All

👤 Rob Williams

Click Less, Do More: Everyday Tech Time-Savers

● All

👤 Tom Byrne

Connecting Physical and Mental Health

● All

👤 Adam Thomas

English Subject Networking

● Secondary Teachers

👤 Jack Richards

Five Steps to Speaking Success

● Secondary Teachers

👤 Nina Simpson & Justine Lavers

Generative Learning

● All Teachers

👤 Lucy Gambier

It's Your Turn: Taking Charge of Your Career Development

● All

👤 Tracey Matthews

Morris dancing workshop

● All

👤 Lynsey Lloyd

Strategic Social Justice

● All

👤 Dan Morrow

The Quiet Classroom – Silent Disco!

● All

👤 SilentDiscos4U

Please feel free to take your lunch break during Slot C, D or E.



FULLY BOOKED

 12:00 – 13:50

WORKSHOPS

SLOT 

**How Do We
Motivate Others
to Change?**

 Co-professionals

 Jon Couch

**Misogyny
matters. It's
#timetotalk**

 All

 Nikki Holmes

**Understanding
Child Sexual
Abuse (CSA)**

 All

 Louise Quick

**Unlocking
Community
Strengths
Through Listening**

 All

 Rachel Earley



**FULLY
BOOKED**

🕒 13:00 – 13:50

KEYNOTES

SLOT **D**

★ Headliner ★

Character and Culture

● All
👤 Pritesh Raichura

Click Less, Do More: Everyday Tech Time-Savers

● All
👤 Tom Byrne

Making Communication Visible Through Signing

● Primary Teachers
👤 Kylie Rio-Wood

Midlife and Menopause Made Simple

● All
👤 Fabienne Beavers

Strategic Social Justice

● All
👤 Dan Morrow

The Quiet Classroom – Silent Disco!

● All
👤 SilentDiscos4U

USA Lesson Study – Insights learned

● All Teachers
👤 Penny Hackworthy



**FULLY
BOOKED**

 13:00 – 14:50

WORKSHOPS

SLOT **DE**

Creating a Whole School Movement and Physical Activity Culture

 All

 Keira Wylie

English as an additional language (EAL)

 All

 Nicola Blundell

Exploring Biodiversity in our school ecosystems

 All

 Mark Acher

The Traitors Game

 All

 Robbie Hallam

What Makes School Environments Inclusive

 All

 Beth Williams



**FULLY
BOOKED**

🕒 14:00 – 14:50

KEYNOTES

SLOT **E**

★ Headliners ★

Building emotional resilience
● All
👤 Leigh Withers

Strength Beyond the Bar – Redefining Strength
● Doaa Shayeaa
👤 Amjad Ali

The Meaning of Kindness
● All
👤 Emma Hayes-Bailey & Emma Pipe

Building Emotionally Intelligent Schools
● All
👤 Lucy Jones

Creating the culture- the importance and power of common language
● All
👤 Simon Weir

Exploring Headship
● All Teachers
👤 Georgina Reid

Strong starts, successful transitions
● All Teachers
👤 Nicola Keeler

The Quiet Classroom – Silent Disco!
● All
👤 SilentDiscos4U

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 09:50 – 14:50

ALL DAY

SLOT **ABCDE**

Good Autism Practice

 All

 Sarah Aldrich



**FULLY
BOOKED**

OUR 2026 COURSES

ALL

BUILDING EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

Resilience is often a value we promote and share with students. However, it is also one that is sometimes difficult to define. In this keynote we will determine the four pillars of emotionally resilient people and evaluate our own areas for development. This session focuses on the personal attributes required to build professional resolve. We will look at how we can promote these characteristics so that we can build upon our own levels of resilience and promote a healthy emotional balance.



Keynote (1 slot)



Available in slot: **E**

Facilitated by



Leigh Withers
Director of School Improvement, Ted Wragg Trust.

ALL

BUILDING EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT SCHOOLS

Emotions shape attention, learning, decision-making, relationships and wellbeing but how often do schools teach people to work with them? This practical introduction to RULER, an evidence-informed approach to social and emotional learning developed at the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, explores the five RULER skills and four core tools. Participants will reflect on their own and their school's emotional climate and leave with simple strategies to strengthen self-awareness, emotional regulation, relationships and belonging across their school community.



Keynote (1 slot)



Available in slot: **E**

Facilitated by



Lucy Jones

Trust Leader for SEND,
Ted Wragg Trust

ALL

CHARACTER AND CULTURE

How can we actually get our pupils to live our school values? What concrete strategies help pupils to genuinely become more hard working, more kind and more responsible? Why is it so important that school leaders and teachers all think about this?



Keynote (1 slot)



Available in slot: **D**

Facilitated by



Pritesh Raichura
Education Consultant
/ Director of Teaching, Bunsen Blue Education

ALL

CLICK LESS, DO MORE: EVERYDAY TECH TIME-SAVERS

This fast-paced session reveals the "hidden gems" of the tools you use every day. We'll dive into essential shortcuts, useful Copilot prompts, Outlook hacks, smarter ways to use Excel and more. Beyond the demos, we're opening the floor for a collaborative tip-share—bring your own favorite tips to show the group! You'll walk away with actionable tricks to streamline repetitive tasks, master navigation, and reclaim your productive time.



Keynote (1 slot)



Available in slot: **C D**

Facilitated by



Tom Byrne

IT Team, Shared Services



Please bring your laptop to this session. Ideal for beginners or those less with technology.

FULLY BOOKED

OUR 2026 COURSES

ALL

CONNECTING PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

Incorporating physical activity into daily routines can be a powerful tool for maintaining and improving mental health, making it a crucial component of a holistic approach to wellbeing.

This session will explore:

- Different ways that physical health can positively impact mental health
- NHS guidelines for physical activity
- How to start your physical activity journey

 Keynote (1 slot)

 Available in slot: **C**

 **FULLY BOOKED**

Facilitated by



Adam Thomas

Regional Lead Wales & West, Jigsaw Education Group

ALL

COST OF LIVING

This Cost of Living Workshop provides practical guidance to help customers navigate rising household costs and improve their financial wellbeing. The session covers key topics including budgeting techniques, managing expenses, maximising income, dealing with debt, building emergency savings, and accessing available financial support.

Participants will learn simple tools and strategies to take control of their finances, such as budgeting methods, debt repayment approaches, savings planning, and ways to identify additional support through benefits, grants, and specialist organisations. The workshop aims to increase financial confidence and equip attendees with actionable steps to better manage their money during challenging economic times.

 Keynote (1 slot)

 Available in slot: **A**

 **FULLY BOOKED**

Facilitated by



Joanne Barham

NatWest

ALL

CRAFTING CORNER

Join us for a relaxed and creative Crafting Corner, designed to nurture wellbeing and connection. This informal session offers space to unwind, share ideas, learn from one another, and build community through creativity. No expertise required—just come along and create!

 Workshop (2 slots)

 Available in slot: **AB**

 Bring along your current craft project—knitting, crochet, sewing, or anything you enjoy—and spend time chatting with like-minded people.

 **FULLY BOOKED**

Facilitated by



Stacey Parker
Business & Operations Lead, Lipson Co-operative Academy

ALL

CREATING A WHOLE SCHOOL MOVEMENT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY CULTURE

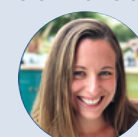
Discover how to embed movement, health and wellbeing into everyday school life through a whole-school approach. This interactive session explores evidence-informed strategies to increase physical activity, improve focus and self-regulation, support inclusive practice, and promote lifelong healthy habits. Ideal for leaders, wellbeing leads and practitioners, you'll leave with practical ideas and a realistic roadmap for creating a culture where every child can thrive through movement.

 Workshop (2 slots)

 Available in slot: **DE**

 This session is best suited for school leaders, PE Leads, Wellbeing Leads and classroom practitioners.

Facilitated by



Keira Wylie

PE Consultant, PE Scholar

OUR 2026 COURSES

ALL

CREATING THE CULTURE- THE IMPORTANCE AND POWER OF COMMON LANGUAGE

We will examine the key elements present in creating safe, connected and successful cultures in schools. We will consider the importance strategies rooted in research, explore our 'common language' approach and discuss practical implications for schools.

 Keynote (1 slot)



Available in slot:

E

A – fully booked

Facilitated by



Simon Weir

Director of Inclusion,
Ted Wragg Trust

ALL TEACHERS

DEEP LEARNING NOT SUPERFICIAL PERFORMANCE

Understanding cognitive science approaches to transform momentary performance in lessons into deep learning over time. Have you ever experienced... I taught this, they got it, but they don't remember it? Practical refinements to pedagogical approaches to ensure learners embed knowledge in long term memory.

 Keynote (1 slot)



Available in slot:

A

 FULLY BOOKED

Facilitated by



Doug O'Brien

Director of Insights and
Strategy, Cornwall
Education Learning Trust

PRIMARY STAFF

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)

This session helps staff distinguish between English as an Additional Language (EAL) and special educational needs, while exploring typical language development and the factors that influence it. Learn how to support multilingual learners with practical strategies and resources that promote inclusion, confidence, and academic success. You'll leave with a clearer understanding of how to meet the diverse needs of EAL pupils and create a classroom environment that celebrates linguistic and cultural diversity.

 Workshop (2 slots)



Available in slot:

DE

Facilitated by



Nicola Blundell

MAST

SECONDARY TEACHERS

ENGLISH SUBJECT NETWORKING

This networking session offers English teachers and leaders the opportunity to connect with colleagues from across the trust, build new professional relationships, and engage in meaningful discussion about current priorities and challenges. With a loose, conversation-led format, the session will provide space for organic discussion, the sharing of effective practice, and the exploration of new ideas and areas for development.

 Keynote (1 slot)



Available in slot:

C

Facilitated by



Jack Richards

Teacher of English,
Tor Bridge High

OUR 2026 COURSES

ALL

EXPLORING BIODIVERSITY IN OUR SCHOOL ECOSYSTEMS

A hands on practical session taking colleagues beyond their school building and into nature. An opportunity to explore and connect yourself and others in nature. The session will build an understanding of our school ecosystems; what we have, what we can do to enrich it and how we can share our knowledge with others - colleagues and young people.

 Workshop (2 slots)

 Available in slot: **DE**

Facilitated by



Mark Acher

Estates and H&S Lead,
Ted Wragg Trust

ALL TEACHERS

EXPLORING HEADSHIP

Headship is among one of the most rewarding roles in education and one of the most challenging. In this keynote talk, Exploring Headship, I will offer an honest, reflective look at what it really means to lead a school.

Drawing on lived experience, I will explore the highs and lows of headship, from moments of profound pride and impact to the pressures, doubts and difficult decisions that come with the role. This session is designed to help aspiring and current leaders consider whether headship is the right career path for them through real stories and practical insight.

Along the way, I will share key lessons I have learned, including what I wish I had known earlier, how leadership changes you professionally and personally, and the importance of values, resilience and support networks.

 Keynote (1 slot)

 Available in slot: **E**

Facilitated by



Georgina Reid

Headteacher, Marine
Academy Primary

SECONDARY TEACHERS

EYES OF THE EXAMINER AN INSPECTOR CALLS

This session will provide an opportunity for staff to build subject knowledge around a key GCSE text. The session will be led by an experienced teacher who will share their expertise on the text. It will allow those who attend to reflect upon their own subject pedagogy and how they can raise attainment in key areas.

 Keynote (1 slot)

 Available in slot: **B**

Facilitated by



Chris Langmead
English Teacher, Tor
Bridge High

 This session is designed for English teachers.

SECONDARY TEACHERS

FIVE STEPS TO SPEAKING SUCCESS

Five Steps to Speaking Success offers a practical, evidence-informed framework for preparing students for the new GCSE Speaking exam. The session explores five high-impact strategies to build confidence, fluency and exam-readiness, with a focus on repurposing existing resources to match the new structures and mark schemes. Expect adaptable routines, clear examples and take-away ideas that help students perform at their best with reduced anxiety.

 Keynote (1 slot)

 Available in slot: **C**

Facilitated by



**Nina Simpson /
Justine Lavers**

Curriculum Leader and
Second in Department
(Modern Languages),
Tor Bridge High

OUR 2026 COURSES

ALL

FRAUDS AND SCAMS

This Fraud & Scams Workshop helps participants understand how scams work, why anyone can be targeted, and the practical steps they can take to protect themselves. The session explores common scam tactics, warning signs and online safety measures, while introducing the simple but effective "Pause and Protect" approach to help individuals recognise risks before sharing information or moving money. Participants will leave with greater confidence in spotting potential scams, strengthening their digital security, responding safely to suspicious contact, and knowing where to access support and report fraud if they become a victim.

 Keynote (1 slot)

 Available in slot: **B**

 **FULLY BOOKED**

Facilitated by



Joanne Barham

NatWest

ALL TEACHERS

GENERATIVE LEARNING

Discover how Generative Learning Theory can transform classroom practice, curriculum design and learner thinking. This engaging keynote explores the latest evidence from cognitive science, schema theory and cognitive load theory to examine how learners truly learn. Through practical strategies, classroom examples and evidence-informed approaches, the session will challenge teachers to rethink task design, student thinking and instructional practice. Delegates will leave with a deeper understanding of how to create learning experiences that maximise attention, strengthen long-term memory and promote deeper, more durable learning across the curriculum.

 Keynote (1 slot)

 Available in slot: **C**

Facilitated by



Lucy Gambier

Director of Secondary,
CELT

ALL

GOOD AUTISM PRACTICE

This session is designed to support practitioners working directly with school-age pupils on the autism spectrum in both mainstream and specialist settings. It will develop your understanding of autism and how it can affect pupils' experiences in school. Participants will explore the four key areas of difference associated with autism, gain a deeper understanding of individual strengths and needs, and consider strategies for building positive relationships with pupils, families, peers and the wider community. The session will also raise awareness of the sensory and communication differences that autistic pupils may experience and how these can be effectively supported.

 All day session

 **FULLY BOOKED**

Facilitated by



Sarah Aldrich

MAST

CO-PROFESSIONALS

HOW DO WE MOTIVATE OTHERS TO CHANGE?

Change can be tough—but with the right tools, it's possible to make a real difference. This session explores psychological techniques like motivational interviewing, relationship building, and person-centred planning to help children and families engage with learning. Discover when these approaches work best, especially during transitions or exclusions, and gain insights that can also strengthen your relationships with colleagues and loved ones.

 Workshop (2 slots)

 Available in slot: **CD**

Facilitated by



Jon Couch

Senior Ed Psych,
MAST/PLP

 This session is useful for anyone looking to support students in making positive changes to their behaviour and attendance.

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ALL TEACHERS

IMPLEMENTING THE NEW PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM

Are you ready for the biggest shift in physical education in a generation? With the new national curriculum framework becoming mandatory by September 2028, departments across the country face the urgent challenge of evolving their current provision without burning out their staff. Join us for this interactive workshop designed specifically for Heads of Department and physical education practitioners to unpick the upcoming reforms. We will help you filter high-level national policy through the lens of evidence-informed practice, giving you the clarity and discussion space to begin to get ready for the new changes.

 Workshop (2 slots) |  Available in slot: **AB**

Facilitated by



Keira Wylie
PE Consultant, PE Scholar

SECONDARY TEACHERS

INSTANT FEEDBACK, REAL PROGRESS

Discover how real-time feedback and adaptive teaching can transform student progress without increasing workload. This session explores how AI can support instant marking, generate actionable insights, and identify knowledge gaps as they emerge. Learn how teachers can respond immediately with targeted follow-up tasks, enabling more effective, responsive teaching and helping students improve while learning is still active.

 Workshop (2 slots) |  Available in slot: **AB**

Facilitated by



Ashley Smith
CEO and Founder, Fruitify

ALL

IT'S YOUR TURN: TAKING CHARGE OF YOUR CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Looking ahead to your next career step? This interactive session will explore how apprenticeships can support professional growth, build confidence, develop new skills, and open up career opportunities within education and beyond. We'll help you reflect on your ambitions, identify potential pathways, and discover how work-based learning can accelerate your personal and professional development.

 Keynote (1 slot) |  Available in slot: **C** **B - FULLY BOOKED**

Facilitated by



Tracey Matthews
SS&L

ALL

MAKING AI YOURS

This session explores how to make AI useful in your own work. We'll look at how to take broad AI capability and apply it to the specific shape of your role, with practical patterns that adapt to different contexts. The closing section looks ahead to what's coming next – agentic AI – and how to make sense of it as the field continues to develop.

 Keynote (1 slot) |  Available in slot: **B**

Facilitated by



Ben Siu
Associate Professor in Marketing, University of Plymouth

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PRIMARY TEACHERS

MAKING COMMUNICATION VISIBLE THROUGH SIGNING

This session introduces signing to support communication understanding and inclusion in everyday interactions. Participants will learn practical signs that can be used alongside speech to support children and young people with speech language and communication needs. The training explores how signing can reduce communication barriers support engagement and create more accessible learning environments. Through modelling and guided practice staff will build confidence in using signs consistently to enhance understanding support behaviour and promote participation across different settings.

 Keynote (1 slot)

 Available in slot: **D**

 **FULLY BOOKED**

Facilitated by



Kylie Rio-Wood
Trust Lead for Speech and Language, ted Wragg Trust

ALL

ME, AI, AND MY KIDS

A lot has changed in our worlds since I spoke about 'The Anxious Generation' at all heads and as part of the spectacular tEdfest. My kids, 12 and 14 year olds both have phones, their own ideas about the world, and a confused – often anxious father! In what I find to be a sea of noise and regular overwhelm I have found these two sources to help how we process our relationship with AI.

 Keynote (1 slot)

 Available in slot: **A**

Facilitated by



Tim Rutherford
Deputy CEO, Ted Wragg Trust

ALL

MIDLIFE AND MENOPAUSE MADE SIMPLE

This session is designed for women approaching or navigating peri/menopause or wanting to future-proof their health. As hormones shift, energy, confidence, and body composition can change, but it doesn't have to feel overwhelming. You'll learn why your body feels different, and gain simple, effective strategies around movement, nutrition, and recovery to help you rebuild strength, manage your energy, and feel like yourself again, without extremes or restriction.

 Keynote (1 slot)

 Available in slot: **D**

 **FULLY BOOKED**

Facilitated by



Fabienne Beavers
Executive Menopause/Midlife Coach (Coached By Fab) & Partnerships Officer (Active Devon)

ALL

MISOGYNY MATTERS. IT'S #TIMETOTALK

This session will explore why tackling misogyny in educative sessions starts by being pro-boy and the need to view masculinity through an aspirational lens. It will explore the need to have empowering, critical conversations to encourage and empower boys to be upstanders and allies which is needed for social change.

 Workshop (2 slots)

 Available in slot: **CD**

 **FULLY BOOKED**

Facilitated by



Nikki Holmes
Director, Safer Together

OUR 2026 COURSES

ALL

MORRIS DANCING WORKSHOP

This session will provide a short introduction to traditional English Morris dancing, including an overview of its history and the work of Plymouth Morris. Participants will see demonstrations of several different Morris dances using sticks, handkerchiefs and cutlasses, before learning the basics of Cotswold-style Morris and taking part in a dance themselves by the end of the session.

🕒 Keynote (1 slot)

📅 Available in slot: **C**

🚫 FULLY BOOKED

Facilitated by



Lynsey Lloyd
Assistant director of
finance (Plymouth),
Ted Wragg Trust

ALL

NEEDED FOR SOME, BENEFITING ALL.

This session will be a practical exploration of inclusive pedagogy and adaptive teaching, without the jargon or the expectation of planning 30 different lessons. Through low-effort, high-impact strategies such as clear routines, chunked instructions, explicit modelling, scaffolding and responsive checks for understanding, Amjad will show how to remove barriers while maintaining high expectations for every learner. Whether you teach, support, lead or shape provision, you will leave with immediately usable approaches that may be essential for some but benefit all.

🕒 Keynote (1 slot)

📅 Available in slot: **B**

Facilitated by



Amjad Ali
Trust CPD and Inclusion
Lead, Chiltern Learning
Trust

ALL

PARENTAL MENTAL ILLNESS

When a parent struggles with mental illness, children often carry invisible burdens. This session explores how parental mental illness affects children's behaviour and emotional wellbeing, using theory, case studies, and activities from the KidsTime workshop. Learn how mental illness influences parenting, how stigma impacts families, and how schools can offer meaningful support. You'll leave feeling more confident and informed when working with families experiencing mental illness and supporting affected pupils.

🕒 Workshop (2 slots)

📅 Available in slot: **BC**

🚫 FULLY BOOKED

Facilitated by



Paula Davies
MAST

SECONDARY TEACHERS

PSHE AND CITIZENSHIP 11-16

An overview of statutory expectations and best practice for PSHE and Citizenship in Years 7-11

This session will include:

- understanding of the importance and benefits of these subject areas for young people
- exploration of curriculum content
- advice on how to structure curriculum delivery in secondary settings
- support for teacher confidence in facilitating learning around sensitive topics with young people

🕒 Keynote (1 slot)

📅 Available in slot: **B**

Facilitated by



Adam Thomas
Regional Lead Wales &
West, Jigsaw Education
Group

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SHAPE TOMORROW'S SKILLS, TODAY.

Young people today are preparing for a world we can't yet fully imagine. In this session, Marc explores how education leaders can equip students with the skills, confidence and curiosity to thrive in that future, whatever it holds.

Drawing on over 10 years at Apple, he will share candid insights into Apple's culture and the core values that shape decision making at every level of leadership, and what education leaders can learn from a company built on innovation, creativity and putting people first.

🕒 Keynote (1 slot)

📅 Available in slot: **C**

Facilitated by



Marc Bernard
Education Strategic
Advisor, Apple

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SOUND BATH EXPERIENCE

You will be invited to lie down (or to sit in a chair if this is more comfortable), to wrap yourself in a blanket and cover your eyes. Gongs and singing bowls will be played for around 45 minutes. These slow down brain activity and enable you to slip into a deep meditative state. This is beneficial as it helps to de-stress, be more present and mindful. You will need to bring a yoga mat or camping mat, a pillow, blanket and something to cover your eyes.

🕒 Keynote (1 slot)

📅 Available in slot: **A B**

🔔 You will need to bring your own yoga or camping mat, a

FULLY BOOKED

Facilitated by



Mary Forrest
Sound Bath Facilitator,
Gong Song

ALL

STRATEGIC SOCIAL JUSTICE

Good intentions don't close gaps — deliberate systems do. This session challenges staff to move beyond the language of equity and into the practice of it: using curriculum design, data, and daily decision-making as tools for genuine fairness. Practical, provocative, and built for teachers who believe their classroom is the most powerful lever for change.

🕒 Keynote (1 slot)

📅 Available in slot: **C D**

Facilitated by



Dan Morrow
Trust leader, CELT

ALL

STRENGTH BEYOND THE BAR – REDEFINING STRENGTH

What does it really take to pursue a dream that often feels impossible?

In this keynote, Doaa shares the journey behind her Commonwealth Games debut, exploring the setbacks, self-doubt, resilience and determination that shaped her path. Through honest reflections on performance, identity, disability, faith and belonging.

Drawing on lessons from elite sport, this session encourages educators to recognise potential in every young person, create environments where everyone feels they belong, and understand the lasting impact of belief, encouragement and high expectations. Attendees will leave with practical insights into resilience, inclusive leadership and the transformative power of representation

🕒 Keynote (1 slot)

📅 Available in slot: **E**

Facilitated by



Doaa Shayea
Commonwealth
Games Para
Powerlifter, Team
England Athlete,
Public Speaker, British
Weightlifting

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STRONG STARTS, SUCCESSFUL TRANSITIONS

Transitions can be points of vulnerability for children and families. Without strong support, students can experience: anxiety, uncertainty and reduced confidence; gaps in learning; poor attendance or disengagement; challenges in forming relationships and friendships and reduced trust between families and school. For some children, particularly vulnerable learners, transition points can widen inequalities if support is inconsistent. Successful transition is not event in July and September, it is a shared responsibility to ensure that every child feels known, supported and ready to thrive. This session will look at what the research and learning from the transition networks in Plymouth, Exeter and Exmouth have taught us about making transition successful.



Keynote (1 slot)



Available in slot: **E**



FULLY BOOKED

Facilitated by



Nicola Keeler

Director of Education,
Ted Wragg Trust

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SWISS CHEESE TEACHING: KNOWING NOT WHY

Are we building teachers who understand - or teachers who follow? Across ITT and ECT, increasingly aligned models bring clarity and consistency. But there is a risk. Teaching can appear effective while masking gaps in understanding - like Swiss cheese, it holds together, but with holes.

Is teaching a science to be codified, or a craft to be understood? Using Scarborough's Reading Rope as a lens, this session explores how to move beyond surface practice to deeper expertise, and the role of coaching in that shift.



Keynote (1 slot)



Available in slot: **A B**

Facilitated by



Hayley Bissenen
and Emma Owen

Director of the Centre
of Excellence / Deputy
Headteacher (Polair
School), Cornwall
Education Learning
Trust

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TEACH COACH THRIVE

This workshop explores practical approaches to managing time, energy, and workload, using models and tools drawn from leadership and solution-focused coaching. It will consider ways to prioritise effectively, manage pressure, strengthen boundaries, and develop habits that support wellbeing and professional growth. The session will include opportunities for reflection, discussion, and practical application, with strategies that can be adapted to different roles and contexts across education. Suitable for colleagues at all levels, the workshop aims to provide useful, realistic approaches that can support day-to-day practice in busy educational settings.



Keynote (1 slot)



Available in slot: **B**

Facilitated by



Sarah Bridge

Lead Practitioner -
Coaching & T&L, Tor
Bridge High

ALL

TED WRAGG TAKES BOYS SERIOUSLY

What happens when schools take an evidence-informed, strengths-based approach to engagement with working-class boys and young men? Drawing on findings from the 2025/26 Boys' Impact pilot across schools in the Ted Wragg Multi Academy Trust, this keynote explores what we've learned about working-class boys' engagement with their learning. Combining student insights with practical examples from participating schools, the session highlights how creating cultures where boys feel seen, heard and understood can strengthen engagement, wellbeing and educational outcomes.



Keynote (1 slot)



Available in slot: **A**

Facilitated by



Alex Blower

Founder, Boys' Impact

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THE MEANING OF KINDNESS

Come and join us in an exploration of "What is Kindness?" You will consider your own perception of kindness, the qualities of kindness, if kindness is ever a weakness, and whether selflessness and selfishness are part of being kind. With a mindset of curiosity, reflection using imagery, words, and discussion, we will explore how a deeper understanding of kindness can support healthier, more compassionate working relationships. We will collect your reflections to create a shared Book of Kindness.



Keynote (1 slot)



Available in slot: **E**



Please bring felt-tip pens or coloured pencils and something to lean on as this session uses imagery.

Facilitated by



Emma Pipe and
Emma Hayes-
Bailey

Professional Coaches
and Mentors,
Synergems

PRIMARY TEACHERS

'THE THIRD TEACHER' IN THE EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE

Explore the power of 'The Third Teacher' and how the Early Years environment can intentionally support children's language and communication. This session will explore how thoughtful spaces, resources and routines can create rich opportunities for talk, interaction and vocabulary development. We will consider how small changes to the environment can encourage children to communicate, build confidence and develop a love of learning through meaningful play.



Keynote (1 slot)



Available in slot: **B**

Facilitated by



Hannah Rowe

Assistant Headteacher,
Marine Academy
Primary

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THE POWER OF LISTENING

In a world full of noise, the ability to truly listen is a rare and valuable skill. This interactive workshop explores the art of active listening and the research behind it. You'll learn how to listen with intention, interpret non-verbal cues, manage distractions and respond with empathy and clarity. Through practical exercises and scenarios, you'll strengthen your ability to build trust, resolve conflict and foster deeper understanding in both personal and professional settings. Essential tools for effective communication, collaboration and leadership.



Keynote (1 slot)



Available in slot: **B**

FULLY BOOKED

Facilitated by



Lisa Thomas

Director of People, Ted
Wragg Trust

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THE QUIET CLASSROOM – SILENT DISCO!

Take a break from the buzz of the day and step into a space designed to lift your mood, energise your body, and connect with others—without saying a word. The tEdFest Silent Disco offers a joyful, judgement-free zone where you can choose your own playlist, dance at your own pace, or just soak up the good vibes.

Beyond the fun, this session is grounded in science: movement boosts dopamine, dancing reduces stress, and shared joyful experiences build connection. Whether you're looking to recharge, let go, or simply have a laugh with colleagues, this is the perfect pitstop for wellbeing.

No rhythm required—just bring your headphones (we'll provide those), your curiosity, and your best invisible microphone.

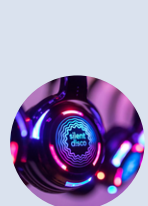


Keynote (1 slot)



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Facilitated by



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THE TRAITORS GAME

The Traitors: An Immersive Escape Room Experience

Inspired by the hit TV series, this interactive escape room-style session challenges teams to solve puzzles, crack codes and uncover clues while identifying a hidden traitor. Designed to demonstrate the power of game-based learning, the activity develops teamwork, communication, problem-solving and critical thinking in a fun, high-energy environment. Discover how immersive experiences can increase engagement and create memorable learning opportunities for young people.



Workshop (2 slots)



Available in slot:



FULLY BOOKED

Facilitated by



Robbie Hallam

The Big Step

ALL

THE WHITE PAPER 8 MONTHS ON.....

This session will examine the implications of the February white paper—described as a generational shift in education—focusing on its impact on schools, the progress made so far, and its influence on future inclusion models. We will showcase effective practice from within the Trust and beyond that is already driving meaningful change, alongside how schools are planning to innovate in inclusive education. The session will also encourage discussion, constructive challenge, and questions about the evolving inclusion agenda shaped by the white paper.



Keynote (1 slot)



Available in slot:



Facilitated by



Matt Bindon

Trust Leader for
Alternative Provision
and Specialism, Ted
Wragg Trust

SECONDARY TEACHERS

UNDERSTANDING AND LEADING WITH INCLUSION IN MIND

This training explores how we strengthen culture by leading with inclusion, belonging and relational practice. It reframes behaviour through a trauma-informed lens and highlights how power, privilege and systemic inequality shape classroom experiences. The session introduces practical tools such as PACE and WINE to support emotionally safe communication, alongside reflections on neurodiversity, ACEs and the graduated response. It offers strategies for universal, targeted and specialist support, helping staff create emotionally attuned, equitable environments where all young people can thrive.



Workshop (2 slots)



Available in slot:



Facilitated by



Nicola Lace

Headteacher/
Consultant/Researcher,
Elastic Education

ALL

UNDERSTANDING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE (CSA)

This session explores the nature and impact of child sexual abuse (CSA), its clear links to broader patterns of violence against women and girls (VAWG), and how professionals can respond effectively. Using the Child Sexual Abuse Toolkit developed by the Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse, participants will strengthen their understanding of identification, response, and victim support.



Workshop (2 slots)



Available in slot:



Facilitated by



Louise Quick

Trust Safeguarding
Manager, Ted Wragg
Trust



This session is designed for Safeguarding and Pastoral Support Staff and SLT.

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UNDERSTANDING PUPIL VULNERABILITY

This session will explore what we mean by pupil vulnerability and why understanding it early matters. We will introduce a Vulnerability Model that considers how different compounding factors can combine to increase a child's risk of future challenges. We will explore how the model can help schools identify pupils who may be more vulnerable to future academic underperformance, absence or elective home education and consider how this understanding can support earlier conversations, better decisions and more timely support for children.



Keynote (1 slot)



Available in slot:



Facilitated by



Rob Williams

Director of Partnerships and Development, Ted Wragg Trust

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UNLOCKING COMMUNITY STRENGTHS THROUGH LISTENING

We will explore best practice approaches to listening, using Appreciative Inquiry as a strengths-based method to understand what is working well and where there is potential to build. She will share practical guidance on how to move from listening to thoughtful action, ensuring that what is heard shapes everyday practice. Participants will be supported to design a simple listening programme that can help identify community strengths.



Workshop (2 slots)



Available in slot:



This session is useful for PSAs and those in pastoral roles.

Facilitated by



Rachel Earley

Trust Leader for Strategic Community Development, Ted Wragg Trust

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UNREASONABLE HOSPITALITY – HOW DOES THIS FIT WITH YOUR SETTING?

Drawing inspiration from Will Guidara's Unreasonable Hospitality, this keynote explores how the principles of exceptional service can be reimagined within a school context. It challenges leaders to move beyond systems and focus on the lived experience of students, families, and staff.

Through practical examples from school leadership, the session shows how intentional acts rooted in care, dignity, and belonging can transform culture. At MAP, this approach contributed to a 2.7% increase in attendance and an 18.2% reduction in suspensions in 2024–25, with continued improvement in attendance and a further sustained decrease in suspensions in 2025–26.



Keynote (1 slot)



Available in slot:



Facilitated by



Jemma Uren

Senior Vice Principal, Marine Academy Plymouth

ALL TEACHERS

USA LESSON STUDY – INSIGHTS LEARNED

Join primary and secondary colleagues as they share insights from a lesson study tour to the USA undertaken at Easter this year. Through a presentation and an interactive Q&A session, speakers will reflect on key learning, effective practices observed and the impact on their own teaching and leadership. Delegates will gain first-hand perspectives on how international collaboration and professional enquiry can strengthen classroom practice and support continuous improvement across our schools.



Keynote (1 slot)



Available in slot:



Facilitated by



Penny Hackworthy

Trust Leader for the Ted Wragg Institute, Ted Wragg Trust

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VISUAL STRATEGIES THAT BENEFIT ALL

Inclusion First: Lisa Pinkerton brings 26+ years of leadership in SEND and inclusion to show how great teaching starts with inclusive design. Challenging the idea of visuals as an “add-on,” she demonstrates how they boost clarity, independence and reduce cognitive load for all learners. Packed with real classroom examples and practical strategies, this session reveals how simple visual approaches can transform communication, routines, and engagement—embedding inclusion as everyday, high-impact practice across every classroom.



Keynote (1 slot)



Available in slot:

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Facilitated by



Lisa Pinkerton

Head of Education,
Widgit Software

ALL

WHAT IS 'BELONGING'?

Those in education talk about belonging all the time but have we ever stopped to ask what it actually is? This session explores why belonging is far more than inclusion, relationships or culture alone. Drawing on research and practical examples from schools, we'll unpack how belonging transforms learning, wellbeing and outcomes and how everyone can help each other to genuinely matter.



Keynote (1 slot)



Available in slot:

B

Facilitated by



Siobhan Meredith

Executive Director
of Education, Ted
Wragg Trust

ALL TEACHERS

WHAT MAKES AN EFFECTIVE COACHING CONVERSATION?

We will explore how to build strong relationships with coachees and capture objective lesson notes that support meaningful reflection. We will also look at how to begin each coaching conversation with a celebration, recognise and highlight the progress that has been made, and identify the highest-leverage action step for future development. Finally, we will focus on ensuring coaching includes purposeful, authentic practice that leads to lasting changes in habits and classroom practice.



Workshop (2 slots)



Available in slot:

BC

Facilitated by



Denise Smith

Trust Lead for
Instructional
Coaching, Ted Wragg
Trust



This session is useful for coaches and people thinking about becoming a coach

ALL

WHAT MAKES SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS INCLUSIVE

ImpactEd Group will share findings from Inclusive Environments for Every Child, a research project run with Challenge Partners exploring how pupils, including those with SEND, experience their school environment. Drawing on over 6,500 pupil responses and ImpactEd's Targeted Research and Action Project (TRAP) model, we'll look at what the data show about physical space, teaching practice and belonging, and what this means for schools building more inclusive environments, with a brief look ahead to future areas of work.



Workshop (2 slots)



Available in slot:

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Facilitated by



Beth Williams

Associate Director,
ImpactEd Group

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YOUR AI QUESTIONS, ANSWERED

This session is built around you. Questions submitted ahead of time are grouped into themes and answered openly, covering the spread from practical day-to-day AI use through to the longer-term picture of AI in education. The aim is candid, useful answers and a chance to surface the questions that matter most to the people in the room.

 Keynote (1 slot) |  Available in slot: 

 You will be contacted prior to the session to submit questions.

Facilitated by



Ben Siu

Associate Professor in
Marketing, University of
Plymouth

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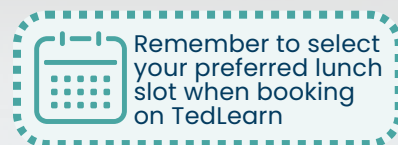


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