

National curriculum update

Please note, this is an update of [MI Sheet 194/13](#)

The new national curriculum was published on 11th September 2013.

[Full details can be found here](#)

- The majority of the existing national curriculum programmes of study, attainment targets and assessment arrangements have been disapplied and are not compulsory until September 2014. This applies to all subjects and year groups **except English, Mathematics and Science for pupils in Years 1, 2, 5 and 6.**
- With the exception of the core subjects in Years 1, 2, 5 and 6, during disapplication schools are free to develop their own methods of measuring pupil progress or continue to use level descriptors to assess pupils' progress if they believe this is the most effective means of assessing progress.
- The reformed GCSEs are being re-phased, with English and Mathematics being brought in for first teaching from 2015 and other subjects introduced in 2016. [Click here for full details.](#)
- The consultation on primary assessment and accountability (see [MI Sheet 218/13](#)) follows publication of the new national curriculum programmes of study, and the announcement that the current system of levels will be removed and not replaced. The consultation closes on Friday 11 October, 2013. [Full details can be found here.](#)

The national curriculum from September 2014 will be significantly different, and it has considerable implications for you and your school. The national curriculum forms part of the school curriculum. The school curriculum comprises all learning and other experiences that each school plans for its pupils.

Some questions to consider:

- Do you have a rationale for your curriculum which reflects your school's ethos and values and meets the needs of **your** pupils?
- How much of your current curriculum can remain unchanged? How much can be adapted? What might you have to introduce?
- How prepared are all of your staff to 'Contribute to the design and provision of an engaging curriculum' (Teaching Standard 4) with an increased choice of local curriculum content?
- Have you considered potential transition issues for 2013 – 2014:
 - Reception pupils moving from Early Learning Goals to Year 1
 - Pupils in Year 8 in 2013/14 who will be the first students to take the new GCSEs in English language, English literature and Mathematics?
- How will you plan to track the progress of all pupils, in light of [Assessing without levels](#)?
- What are the key CPD needs for your staff to secure successful implementation of the new curriculum over this academic year?

First phase of support available to schools from NIEAS

- A **regular newsletter** that will contain the latest key information for Norfolk Schools.
- **Advice and support** - specialist support for schools, partnerships and clusters. To book an education adviser or further details please email cs.nieasadviceandsupport@norfolk.gov.uk
- **Professional Networks** provide an in depth subject support for preparing for the new national curriculum over 2013 – 2014. [Click here for further details.](#)
Curriculum Subject Update Forums – these provide an opportunity to attend a subject specific briefing about the new curriculum with key messages for subject leaders. Schools can purchase all six forums or pick and mix. These Forums are aimed at those who do **not** attend our subject Professional Networks. Each forum will be held at **Dereham Neatherd High School** from 4.30 – 6.30pm

○ Primary English	13 th November	(Course Code. EPGP4)
○ Primary Mathematics	25 th November	(Course Code. EPGP5)
○ Primary Science	6 th November	(Course Code. EPGP6)
○ Primary Computing	11 th November	(Course Code. EPGP7)
○ Primary Languages	20 th November	(Course Code. EPGP8)
○ Primary History	27 th November	(Course Code. EPGP9)

• Secondary English	18 th November	(Course Code. EPGQ1)
• Secondary Mathematics	2 nd December	(Course Code. EPGQ2)
• Secondary Science	9 th December	(Course Code. EPGQ3)
• Secondary Computing	16 th December	(Course Code. EPGQ4)
• Secondary Languages	4 th December	(Course Code. EPGQ5)
• Secondary History	11 th December	(Course Code. EPGQ6)

- **Headteacher curriculum update briefings** – these half-day briefings for senior leaders are to outline the key changes in the new curriculum and offer the opportunity to identify the main implications for your school. Dates will be available for the spring term.
£80 per person for a half-day briefing.
 - To register an interest, please email cs.nieastraining@norfolk.gov.uk
- **Designing your primary curriculum** – a one day course for school leaders. New date due to high demand Monday 9th December 2013
 - This course will focus on key curriculum questions:
 - What are you trying to achieve for your learners through your curriculum?
 - How can you best organise learning to enable you to achieve your aims for your learners?
 - How will you know when you have achieved your aims?
 - [For further details click here.](#)