



## **Educator Solutions – we know education**

### **Welcome to our summer newsletter.**

Here at Educator Solutions our company values focus entirely on you the customer. We offer all educational establishments a vast range of services and products which support, guide and train your staff to ultimately provide the best education possible for your children. We value your feedback about the services we provide and the way we communicate with you, so please feel free to contact us with your comments or suggestions.

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## News

### Academy Offer

The services we provide academies have been reviewed ready for the new 2017-18 academic year. Our updated brochure, giving lots more detailed information about our new subscription offers and bespoke services, can be viewed [here](#). We also recognise that Trusts will sometimes need to change their governance arrangements from time to time and as such, you may need to take a more flexible approach when thinking about what support your governors and trustees need. Please give us a call to discuss what options are available to you on 01603 303355 or email [governor.services@educatorsolutions.org.uk](mailto:governor.services@educatorsolutions.org.uk)

### HR InfoSpace usage grows and grows

Our new online HR service [www.hrinfospace.org.uk](http://www.hrinfospace.org.uk) has had a tremendous take-up since launch at the end of April this year, with over 900 individual users signing-up for the service across 350 different establishments.

HR InfoSpace is provided as a resource for customers of our traded HR service and/or Health, Safety and Well-being team. The service provides a broad range of model HR policies, procedures, employee schemes and written guidance giving users the ability to build their own personalised 'home page' and list of 'favourites' or frequently accessed documents.

Want to find out about the service why not take a tour of the online service [here](#) or access the website [www.hrinfospace.org.uk](http://www.hrinfospace.org.uk).

### Success at the Kinesis Centre

The Access to Computers and Technology Service worked with the Virtual School to hold a very successful revision day for Year 11 Looked After Children over the Easter holidays at the Kinesis Centre.

12 students took part in a Maths Topic Focus day which helped them to revise and develop strategies to prepare them for their upcoming GCSE exams. Carers also attended a session that centred on practical maths revision tips and general exam coping strategies to enable them to help and support their young people during the exam period.

A full day's programme was broken up with a tour of the football ground and lunch in Yellow's. Feedback after the event was extremely positive with all the young people feeling much more confident and positive about their upcoming exams. At the end of the day one participant said "I understand subjects I struggled with before" whilst another commented "It was fun and friendly yet we were able to get work done."

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As part of the KS4 strategy for Children in Care aimed at raising standards, a programme of events is being developed for 2017 -18. This will include an introduction to English and Maths as well as revision sessions for Year 11s in these subjects and sessions around the transition to college.

For more information on events and services for Looked After Children please call: 01603 307738

### **Racing to success**

Formula Goblin is an electric kit car for pupils aged 9 to 11. The cars are flat-packed and pupils have to build them and design the body work, before racing their engineering masterpieces against rival schools.

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, teams from 25 primary schools took part in a Formula Goblin Race Event at Scottow Enterprise Park. It was fantastic to see the project come together with so many schools involved.

There were many prizes to be won in drag, slalom and sprint races as well as for best presented team, greenest bodywork and an overall winner. Great Ellingham Primary School ended the day as overall winner having secured prizes in most categories.

Working together as a team and supporting each other throughout the day both pupils and teachers enjoyed themselves. There was a great sense of community as everyone shared their experiences of the project.

STEM has been working on this wider school improvement project for a year and aims to grow and develop it in the future. If you would like to be involved and for more information please contact Bernice Dixie via email or phone [bernice.dixie@educatorsolutions.org.uk](mailto:bernice.dixie@educatorsolutions.org.uk) or 01603 307715.

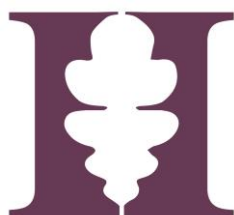
There is still grant funding available for Norfolk schools, not yet involved in the project, to get 50% off their first Formula Goblin.



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We were extremely honoured to have a very special visitor to Holt Hall on a beautiful spring day. HRH the Duke of Kent visited the centre to meet staff and take a look at the fabulous facilities we have at Holt Hall. The sun shone and the children were fabulous.

## Holt Hall

Set in woodlands, lakes, fields, lawns and gardens Holt Hall provides a wealth of opportunities for learning outside the classroom. Offering both day visits and affordable residential experiences all year round. We specialise in creating bespoke packages tailored to meet your needs.

Find out more about Holt Hall and what we offer by visiting our website:  
<http://www.holthall.org.uk/>

### Annual Contracts for Academies - Reminder

Please note 2017-2018 Contracts for academies are all available on our [online trading platform](#).

Reminder – if you would like to see all the services available for your establishment in one handy brochure you can download a personalised version. Simply login to the online service and click on the 'Services' tab.

## Training

### Essential Management Skills Training - Key dates for your diary

- 29 June 2017 - Conducting appraisals and Challenging conversations
- 6 July 2017 - Managing sickness and Workload management

Brand new to our portfolio is our new Essential Management Skills training. These courses are aimed at all educational based staff who have responsibility for managing people for example;

- School leadership team
- Business/Finance managers
- Estate/Site managers

**Our Essential Management Skills** training provides you and your staff with an excellent foundation in all of the skills and behaviours' required to be an outstanding manager.

The ever changing educational environment means managing the process and workload is just not enough nowadays. Instead, managers need to be able to motivate

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their team, be able to manage change, deal with difficult people, manage performance, be able to coach and develop their staff, manage their time etc. – the list goes on!

Most sessions are half day 09:30-12:30 or 1:30- 4:30. A free lunch is provided for a full day attendance.

Our complete programme for the next academic year will be published soon however, these four courses are a taster of what is to come. For more information and booking please [visit our online service](#).

If you would like further information please call Mary Richards 01603 303324 or alternatively email [mary.richards@educatorsolutions.org.uk](mailto:mary.richards@educatorsolutions.org.uk)

### **Becoming an Academy & joining a Multi Academy Trust**

Lifting the lid on MATS ... we are pleased to be offering our continued support with an in school training session designed for Governing Boards who are considering structural change and want to understand more about academy structures and organisation.

Our course provides governors with an introduction to academy structures and associated government policy. It will assist governing boards in their early deliberations concerning the possible move to an academy structure. The session will help governors in developing their due diligence process and identifying strategic issues for consideration in moving their plans forward.

For further details please contact [david.allen@educatorsolutions.org.uk](mailto:david.allen@educatorsolutions.org.uk)

### **Administering Finance in Education**

A full cohort of learners across 16 schools have successfully completed 5 units and are only 1 away from gaining the first ever Level 3 Administering Finance in Education qualification!

This nationally accredited qualification is part of our Finance in Education suite that aims to provide finance staff and business managers with the skills and knowledge needed to administer, manage and lead finances within schools, academies, multi-academy trusts and free schools.

The Finance in Education suite is made up of three qualifications across three levels:

- Administering Finance in Education – Level 3 qualification that will enable you to maintain the accounts of your educational establishment and contribute towards budgeting, costing and procurement processes.
- Managing Finance in Education – Level 4 qualification that builds on the accountancy knowledge gained in Level 3 to enable you to manage finances,

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capital projects, budgets, assets and cash flow, whilst playing a key role in meeting your educational establishment's goals.

- Leading Finance in Education – Level 5 qualification that will enable you to deliver financial strategy for your educational establishment through long-term financial planning, analysis of financial performance, and marketing, whilst ensuring value for money, robust financial control and efficient business processes.

The second cohort of Level 3 will be starting in September 2017. A few spaces are still available but are going fast, [book online now!](#)

## Events

### Clerking Seminar – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017

We are busy planning our annual seminar and would love for clerks to join us at South Green Park Mattishall. There will be tea and cakes and the opportunity to promote and recognise the value of professional quality clerking for maintained schools, academies and multi-academy trusts. This year we are focussing on the recently issued Clerking Competency Framework and the challenges this brings. It is open to all clerks from any phase or type of school and gives an excellent opportunity to network, find out the latest news relating to clerking and to participate in workshops. Places can be booked through [Governorhub](#) or [SLAonline](#).

### Award-winning orchestral concerts special offer

**35% off all tickets** - Derby-based Sinfonia Viva, the East Midlands' only professional orchestra, will be coming to Holt on 25th June 2017 as part of the Cabinet of Curiosity tour. The Orchestra is known in Norfolk for having performed at the Last Night of the Blickling Proms for last five years.

The Orchestra will be erecting its state of the art mobile venue in the grounds of Gresham's Nursery & Pre-Prep School on Sunday 25th & Monday 26th June, having already toured to Mansfield, Scunthorpe, Mablethorpe and Derby.

The tour will include [Flutter and Fly](#), a family show from the winners of 'Best Family Event' at the 2016 Family Arts Awards, at 10.45am and 1.30pm on Sunday 25th June.

Tickets £6 General Admission, £20 Family Ticket (Admits four people into the show.)

Tickets are already on sale for these events through the [Sinfonia Viva website](#) and over the phone on **0333 666 3366** (Use promo code **CABINET2017** to get 35% off!).

Further details on the [Norfolk Music hub website](#).

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## Robotics Roadshow – Join us this summer

We are pleased to announce details for the upcoming Robotics Roadshows offering the ability to teach pupils about basic technology / computer science skills and concepts to solve practical quests.

The Robotics Roadshow makes coding fun, accessible and easy to teach. It helps educate pupils on the fundamental principles of computer science via these unique, programmable, quick-fit construction kits which can be built into multiple exciting robots!

This roadshow will inspire your pupils and support the curriculum. This innovative STEM project has the potential to link to a national robotics competition, but also to support schools establishing their own robotics curriculum enrichment activities and after-school clubs.

The Roadshow will consist of primary pupils learning about the different types of robots used in everyday life and industry. They will investigate and design a robot suited for purpose.

- Thursday 22nd June
- Tuesday 27th June
- Friday 14th July
- Tuesday 18th July
- Wednesday 19th July

The days will be held in the Kinesis Centre, our new specialist learning space in the Norwich City Football Club Stadium.

Please contact Bernice Dixie (STEM Coordinator) for details and bookings on [bernice.dixie@educatorsolutions.org.uk](mailto:bernice.dixie@educatorsolutions.org.uk) or call 01603 218757 / 307715.

## STEM Summer Holiday Clubs

We will be hosting a whole series of fantastic holiday clubs in the August holidays! The holiday clubs will all allow your children to explore engineering, design, thinking creatively about problems, having fun by sparking an interest in science or inspire young minds in the world of robotics and computer programming. Holiday clubs will

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involve real hands-on activities for all. Here is just a taster of the different clubs on offer:

- **Robot Engineers** – design, build and code a real robot!
- **JitterBugs** - create your very own creature (a battery powered jitterbug).
- **Stuck in Space** – rescue a team member without touching a fiery lava floor of a distant planet.
- **Explore coding – Ozobots** – design a game, race etc and compete against other small code-able robots.

All clubs will take place in the Kinesis Centre at Norwich City Football Ground.

Time: 10:00 - 15:00 / Age range 8 to 12 year olds.

Booking: email: [STEM@educatorsolutions.org.uk](mailto:STEM@educatorsolutions.org.uk) or Call 01603 307715

### **PE and Physical Activity Conference – Holistic student wellbeing**

This conference will showcase how the latest national strategies can be utilised to support the holistic wellbeing and long term positive health of all young people through PE, sport and physical activity.

The conference is a true collaboration with organisations across Norfolk offering input in a wide range of workshops. It will also include the launch of the Norfolk Active Futures plan which aims to raise awareness of the wide range of areas the term wellbeing can cover and how we can support this in a positive way.

Educator Solutions, Active Norfolk and Public Health are proud to work together on this exciting opportunity to engage a wide range of professionals from different sectors.

Please join us on the 14<sup>th</sup> July, further information and booking details here.

<http://s4s.norfolk.gov.uk/Event/48626>



## Whitlingham Adventure

New look, new name for  
Whitlingham!

Whitlingham Adventure offers a wide range of water and land based adventures for all ages and abilities. From taster sessions, craft hire, birthday parties, clubs, private launches and more. If that's not enough you can take a boat trip on the Great Broad on the Ra solar powered passenger boat.

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Start a term class with a day of outdoor activity challenges. Working in small teams with a series of mini activities and problem solving – this is the original team-building experience.

Whitlingham Adventure provides high quality outdoor education programmes for children, young people and the wider community.

Over the summer period we will be offering a huge range of School Holiday Adventures from just £33 per day, from taster sessions to advanced courses accredited through various National Governing Bodies. All sessions are supervised by fully qualified instructors.

For more information and course booking please visit our website:  
<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/out-and-about-in-norfolk/whitlingham-adventure>

### GoGoCreate – The Learning Programme for GoGoHares 2018



Break charity are working alongside Wild in Art in partnership to deliver GoGoHares, an exciting new art trail for summer 2018. It follows the huge success of art trails GoGoGorillas! in 2013 and GoGoDragons! 2015 that attracted more than a million people to Norwich.

#### So, what is GoGoCreate?

This year the educational programme, GoGoCreate, will offer a chance for schools, sports clubs and other community groups to get involved. The hare sculptures will be joined by smaller leaping leverets, decorated by children, which will star in their own trail for nine weeks during the summer. At the end of the

trail the sculptures will be returned to your school or group for a lasting legacy of this unique project.

#### Why should your school take part?

The opportunity to engage in one of the biggest and most exciting mass participation arts project in Norfolk during summer 2018.

You will have your very own adorable leaping leveret sculpture to decorate and keep at the end of the trail.

You will receive a creative learning resource pack crammed full of educational hooks, ideas and activities produced and designed by Educator Solutions.

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Plus an opportunity to take part in a bespoke creative writing workshop delivered by Writers Centre Norwich  
And it will be so much fun!

The GoGoCreate trail will take place from **2 July until 2 September 2018** and the main GoGoHares trail will run from **24 June to 8 September 2018**.

GoGoHares and GoGoCreate will support the work of the young people's charity Break, which celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2018.

To register your interest or to find out more about the packages available – please go to [www.gogohares.co.uk/gogocreate](http://www.gogohares.co.uk/gogocreate) and download full details.



**Join us on 22 February 2018 at the new Eastern Education and Academies Show**

Based in Newmarket Race course with **free entry, free lunch and free parking**.

As a key partner of the event Educator Solutions are issuing a warm invitation to you and your colleagues for an unmissable day of new ideas, best practice sharing and comprehensive exhibition of key education suppliers.

The UK's Leading Regional Education event arrives in Newmarket and will be a highly productive and informative day – with inspirational keynote practical workshops on common challenges. This unique event is specifically designed to provide you with the ideal opportunity to meet with education providers face-to-face.

- One day conference and exhibition with over 70 key education suppliers.
- Aimed at head teachers, school business managers, governors, senior leadership team, SEND coordinators etc.
- Academies, state funded schools and private sector are welcome.
- Solutions for infant, junior, primary, secondary, special, colleges and academies.
- Inspirational keynote speakers.
- Topical training and workshop sessions.

To find out more and to register for free [www.easterneducationshow.uk](http://www.easterneducationshow.uk)

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Norfolk Children's University is looking forward to an exciting summer. Around 1000 school children will make special visits to some wonderful inspirational venues across the county. Feedback from children, their parents, carers and teachers has led to more varied and personalised ceremonies at venues including;

- The Atrium, North Walsham
- Millennium Library, Norwich
- University of East Anglia
- Norwich City Football Club
- Catton Grove Primary
- Green Britain Centre, Swaffham
- City College, Norwich

Children's University Project Officer, Alix McGarvey-Leggett said: *"The whole team are very excited to be working with such wonderful venues to offer our members a variety of ceremonies that differ from type of events we have held in the past. The success of the scheme continues to grow, we are working with more children each year across the county and the increase in demand for these events proves the impact that Children's University is having."*

Alongside these events are a number of graduations in schools to accommodate for the high numbers of graduates this year. Every child will don a mortar board and gown to celebrate their fantastic achievements through the Children's University. To attend a graduation graduates must have completed at least 30 hours of voluntary learning. Some children attending the events will be collecting Fellowship Awards for 1000 hours of additional learning outside of the classroom!

For further information on Norfolk Children's University please contact the Norfolk Children's University Team on 01603 307717 or email [norfolkchildrensuniversity@educatorsolutions.org.uk](mailto:norfolkchildrensuniversity@educatorsolutions.org.uk)

Full new membership and renewal purchasing costs are all on our [online trading and booking service](#).

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