

CURRICULUM COUNTDOWN SEMINARS

“... a well planned vibrant curriculum recognises that primary children relish learning independently and co-operatively; they love to be challenged and engaged in practical activities; they delight in the wealth of opportunities for understanding more about the world.”

Sir Jim Rose
Independent review of the Primary Curriculum

From September 2011 all primary schools will need to have the new primary national curriculum in place. This is an exciting opportunity for schools to individually and in collaboration with others, re-think and renew their curriculum whilst ensuring that children and their learning remain central.

The local authority is offering support and guidance to schools through a series of termly seminar days leading up to September 2011. The content and shape of the days will be informed by the evolving national, regional, local and schools' agendas.

Target Audience:

Headteachers plus a curriculum leadership team member.

The seminars will enable:

- **conversation** between school leaders, curriculum specialists, peers and local authority advisers about curriculum preparation, planning and development, the challenges and opportunities
- **familiarisation** with the most recent national curriculum online guidance and relevant local authority curriculum websites and materials
- **learning** about the co-ordinated programme of national support and about local authority curriculum support
- **finding out** about how the new Ofsted framework and the national strategies will support the new curriculum
- **asking** important questions and raising key issues for shared consideration
- **sharing** outstanding local, regional and national curriculum development
- **planning** next steps and timelines

STOP PRESS >>> First sessions on 15th March 2010 at Norwich PDC and 22nd March 2010 at West Norfolk PDC BOOK NOW online at <http://www.cpd.norfolk.gov.uk/sdms>

Cost – £140 per delegate per day. Book all 5 sessions and get 5 for the price of 4! (£560)

For further information about these seminars, please contact Gill Seaton at the PDC on 01603 433276 or email gill.seaton@norfolk.gov.uk

Outline of Curriculum Countdown Seminars

All sessions will also include a keynote presentation & input from successful schools

Spring Term 2010	Session One: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National online support The Curriculum Tour Devising a curriculum statement Opportunities and issues Towards a development plan 	Course Code	Ref
15/03/10	Norwich Professional Development Centre	ECAN3	A
22/03/10	West Norfolk Professional Development Centre	ECAN3	B

Summer Term 2010	Session Two: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local online support and resources National strategies and the curriculum Assessment Essential skills – presentation and practice Local Authority support options 	Course Code	Ref
02/07/10	West Norfolk Professional Development Centre	ECAN3	D
06/07/10	Norwich Professional Development Centre	ECAN3	C

Autumn Term 2010	Session 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Areas of learning – presentation and practice Curriculum progression Linking the curriculum to the learner Attitudes to change – approaches Signposting Local Authority resources and curriculum support partners 	Course Code	Ref
14/10/10	West Norfolk Professional Development Centre	ECAN3	F
15/10/10	Norwich Professional Development Centre	ECAN3	E

Spring Term 2011	Session 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross-curricular studies Effective curriculum design models Planning (in and across subjects and areas) Creative and innovative approaches 	Course Code	Ref
11/02/11	Norwich Professional Development Centre	ECAN3	G
14/02/11	West Norfolk Professional Development Centre	ECAN3	H

Summer Term 2011	Session 5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing curriculum self-evaluation and review And now what? Celebration and sharing 	Course Code	Ref
16/05/11	Norwich Professional Development Centre	ECAN3	J
18/05/11	West Norfolk Professional Development Centre	ECAN3	K

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New-look National Curriculum website goes live

The recently launched new-look [National Curriculum](http://curriculum.qcda.gov.uk) website now includes the new primary curriculum and a range of tools and information to support it, including:

- an interactive video tour of the site's highlights
- a short introductory guide to the new primary curriculum
- a tool to help teachers design and plan their own curriculum
- an interactive tool which allows teachers to view selected curriculum areas side-by-side
- new case studies which show how schools have used their curriculum to make real improvements in outcomes for their learners

The website helps the new primary curriculum come to life for headteachers and the school workforce, and makes the curriculum easily accessible for all. Schools and teachers now have information and online support to start planning for the introduction of this new curriculum. More material will be added to the site during 2010, including professional development materials, guidance and enhanced online tools.

Visit the website at <http://curriculum.qcda.gov.uk/>

Take the [curriculum tour](http://curriculum.qcda.gov.uk/new-primary-curriculum/curriculum-tools/curriculum-tour/index.aspx) for a succinct overview of the primary curriculum, and to learn more about the new features on the website:

<http://curriculum.qcda.gov.uk/new-primary-curriculum/curriculum-tools/curriculum-tour/index.aspx>

If you would like to leave feedback or work with QCDA to showcase how your school is using these materials, then you can contact them on info@qcda.gov.uk

Join QCDA's online forums

<http://tiny.cc/qcdapprimary>

Register to receive QCDA curriculum updates at

www.qcda.gov.uk/ and follow the links to e-newsletters