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CHANGING LIVES



EVENTS AND PROGRAMME GUIDE 2023-2024

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We have split this guide into sections around our 23-24 offer of being unmissable, shaping leadership and speaking up on specific issues! Each of these three elements has content that is included in your membership fee. Where there is an additional charge, this is clearly stated. If you need any advice on where to go to best suit your needs and priorities, please speak with your associate or email the team via events@pixl.org.uk or leadership@pixl.org.uk for our School of PiXL Leadership Programmes. We will be delighted to help you get the most out of what's on offer this year. We can't wait to see you!

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INTRODUCTION

In 2023-24 we are running unmissable events. We will be speaking up on the key issues in education and providing practical support each step of the way.

This year we have three national conferences per sector, one in September, March and June. In between these flagship events will be your associate visits – plus a whole host of updates and resources coming your way at regular intervals. This way we are in contact with you all year round, listening to what you want and providing what you need.

This year the national conferences are bigger and better than ever. With more speakers from schools, more rapid response to the issues of the moment, as well as time to think both upstream and downstream, they are designed to be unmissable. We know it is hard to get out of school, which is why we have gone to only three conferences, making it cheaper for you to get there and providing three days a year out of the whirlwind.

We have freshened up our conference approach and so this year you will find:

- More Time to Think sessions (previously called breakouts), sessions include:
 - **From the network:** hear from schools who have had impact and have a chance to find solutions together
 - **From the stage:** hear in more detail from the big names on the stage
 - **From the specialists:** find out more about the research in key areas and how you can implement their findings in your setting
- Resource release at each conference
- Refreshments provided throughout the day
- A bookshop for all your reading needs!
- More exhibitors offering more discounts
- Associates and Regional Leaders on hand to answer your questions
- Time to network and to connect with each other

TIME TO Think

Take time to think, we know you will be glad you did!



EVENTS THAT: CAN'T BE MISSED

WHO IS THIS FOR?

Aimed at Headteachers, Trust Leaders and RSLs.

WHAT IS DISCUSSED?

Tackling the national issues, keynote speakers, strategies and ideas for you to take back and implement in your schools.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Included within your membership.

We have three national conferences per sector, per term in 2023-2024, in September, March and June. These unique events will be essential time to think. We have incredible speakers lined up to partner with us, many appearing at more than one national conference to ensure up-to-date, research-based thinking is at the fore of our work together. As ever, PiXL leaders in PiXL schools will contribute ways to implement theory in proven, practical ways. The PiXL team's rapid response to issues arising, as well as intentional upstream thinking, will feature throughout. A variety of additional sessions will be available on the day, making this experience even more unmissable - ideal so that the RSL and headteacher may attend as many Time to Think sessions as possible.

We know what it takes to plan to be out of school, but we know the impact such days have when you do - so many of you tell us! We have reduced the number of national conferences to reduce the need for days out and travel for you, but we have made each day bigger and better than ever. These are all part of your PiXL subscription.

Please note that these events are also open to MAT Central Teams if you are part of MAT Connect, with full sector or Trust-wide membership of PiXL. You will notice that the Primary and Secondary National Conferences are on consecutive days allowing all-through MATs, Middle schools and Alternative schools the option to attend both if they would like to. Guests are welcome to an invite to find out more.



EVENTS THAT: CAN'T BE MISSED

COURSES INCLUDED WITHIN YOUR MEMBERSHIP - NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED

PRIMARY NATIONAL CONFERENCE

DATE	TIME	VENUE
21st September 2023	All day	Central Hall, London
13th March 2024	All day	Central Hall, London
19th June 2024	All day	Central Hall, London

SECONDARY NATIONAL CONFERENCE

DATE	TIME	VENUE
22nd September 2023	All day	Central Hall, London
14th March 2024	All day	Central Hall, London
18th June 2024	All day	Central Hall, London

POST 16 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

DATE	TIME	VENUE
27th September 2023	All day	Kia Oval, London
6th March 2024	All day	Kia Oval, London
26th June 2024	All day	Kia Oval, London

MAT CONNECT CONFERENCE *(For Trusts part of MAT Connect only)*

DATE	TIME	VENUE
14th November 2023	09.30 - 13.45	King's Fund, London
7th February 2024	09.30 - 13.45	King's Fund, London
3rd July 2024	09.30 - 13.45	King's Fund, London

ALTERNATIVE THINKING CONFERENCE

DATE	TIME	VENUE
8th November 2023	15.30 - 16:30	Digital event on Zoom
31st January 2024	15.30 - 16:30	Digital event on Zoom
8th May 2024	15.30 - 16:30	Digital event on Zoom

In addition to these digital conferences, we will be hosting Alternative provision-specific Time to Think sessions at each of our face-to-face Secondary National Conferences. Middle and Alternative schools can come to both Primary and Secondary Conferences.

EVENTS THAT: WILL HELP YOU SHAPE YOUR LEADERSHIP

WHO IS THIS FOR?

Anyone who wants to develop their leadership. We have courses tailored to different levels in school.

WHAT IS DISCUSSED?

These courses are for brave, curious individuals who are prepared to know and ask questions of themselves – in pursuit of the highest quality leadership for the betterment of staff and young people in their care.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Some events are available as part of your membership, others are at an additional fee.

At its heart, PiXL invests in supporting and developing leaders at all levels in school. As a result, each one of PiXL's conferences and programmes includes leadership thinking and strategy that will make a difference.

Led by PiXL CEO Rachel Johnson, and joined by additional speakers, these sessions are packed full of leadership theory and a toolkit of practical ideas – with advice and guidance material on how, and when, to implement change in you and as well as influence others. You will learn to find and enhance the joys of the job and your strengths, as well as to identify where your leadership effectiveness may be blocked by leadership behaviours that you can influence – both yours and those you lead.



EVENTS THAT: WILL HELP YOU SHAPE YOUR LEADERSHIP

**COURSES INCLUDED WITHIN YOUR MEMBERSHIP -
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED**

ENGAGEMENT LEADERSHIP

Coming in November 2023 our Engagement Leadership courses will be available to all staff via the member area platform. The Engagement Leadership programme is part of your PiXL Membership and so is available to anyone in your school who you think will benefit at no cost. Starting with the key ideas and principles, this course takes colleagues through what we believe about improving outcomes, which we call 'currency'. The course includes short videos to watch and then some additional reflection opportunities in a workbook and an action planning tool. Appropriate for all sectors, use this course to align your team around the PiXL approaches to improving outcomes. Whether you are a Middle Leader, subject leader or class teacher, this course will help you reflect on what you do now and give you ideas to try.

COURSES FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE

SCHOOL OF PiXL LEADERSHIP

For a small fee per delegate, we offer additional courses tailored to where you are in your career. Please note that these courses are suitable for colleagues from all sectors.

The courses available are:

- New Middle Leaders
- Established Middle Leaders
- Making Change Leaders
- Raising Standards Leaders
- Exceptional Senior Leaders

Please see the following page for a break down of costs or click [here](#) for the School of PiXL Leadership brochure which goes into detail about each course.



EVENTS THAT: WILL HELP YOU SHAPE YOUR LEADERSHIP

School of PiXL Leadership Programmes

RAISING STANDARDS LEADER PROGRAMME (*£120+ VAT per delegate*)

We will be running this course twice in the academic year. Please note, programme 1 and 2 are a repeat of the same content.

DATE	TIME	VENUE
PROGRAMME 1		
5th October 2023	16.00 - 18.00	Digital event on Zoom
7th November 2023	16.00 - 18.00	Digital event on Zoom
21st November 2023	16.00 - 18.00	Digital event on Zoom
PROGRAMME 2		
25th April 2024	16.00 - 18.00	Digital event on Zoom
15th May 2024	16.00 - 18.00	Digital event on Zoom
4th June 2024	16.00 - 18.00	Digital event on Zoom

PIXL NEW MIDDLE LEADERS PROGRAMME (*£120+ VAT per delegate*)

We will be running this course twice in the academic year. Please note, programme 1 and 2 are a repeat of the same content.

DATE	TIME	VENUE
PROGRAMME 1		
12th October 2023	16.00 - 18.00	Digital event on Zoom
16th November 2023	16.00 - 18.00	Digital event on Zoom
29th November 2023	16.00 - 18.00	Digital event on Zoom
PROGRAMME 2		
18th April 2024	16.00 - 18.00	Digital event on Zoom
2nd May 2024	16.00 - 18.00	Digital event on Zoom
23rd May 2024	16.00 - 18.00	Digital event on Zoom

EVENTS THAT: WILL HELP YOU SHAPE YOUR LEADERSHIP

PIXL ESTABLISHED MIDDLE LEADERS PROGRAMME (*£120+ VAT per delegate*)

DATE	TIME	VENUE
17th January 2024	16.00 - 18.00	Digital event on Zoom
1st February 2024	16.00 - 18.00	Digital event on Zoom
27th February 2024	16.00 - 18.00	Digital event on Zoom

MAKING CHANGE LEADERS PROGRAMME (*£120+ VAT per delegate*)

DATE	TIME	VENUE
11th January 2024	16.00 - 18.00	Digital event on Zoom
30th January 2024	16.00 - 18.00	Digital event on Zoom
8th February 2024	16.00 - 18.00	Digital event on Zoom

EXCEPTIONAL SENIOR LEADERS PROGRAMME (*£1295+ VAT per delegate*)

The Exceptional Senior Leaders programme is a blended course. This includes three face-to-face days, including a two-day residential, two online sessions and an immersive experience - you will spend time in the school of one of the other delegates on the course.

DATE	TIME	VENUE
25th January 2024	All day	London
21st March 2024	16.00 - 18.00	Digital event on Zoom
30th April 2024	16.00 - 18.00	Digital event on Zoom
13th June 2024	All day	York
14th June 2024	All day	York

Click [here](#) for the School of PiXL Leadership brochure which goes into detail about each course.

EVENTS THAT: WILL SPEAK UP ON SPECIFIC ISSUES

WHO IS THIS FOR?

Courses tailored to your area of expertise / your role in school.

WHAT IS DISCUSSED?

These events will be tailored to specific subjects or issues and will give you a deep-dive experience.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Some events are available as part of your membership, others are at an additional fee.

We want to equip your senior and middle leaders, and class teachers, to be a voice of influence in your setting and beyond.

There are many things to speak up on in education, many of which your colleagues will feel passionately about, some of which they have no time to think about – and yet without that time, they may lead towards the endless operation of ‘downstream’, without the necessary ‘upstream’ thinking.

We want to be able to think precisely and concisely about both, with meaningful data and research informing our next steps – and by pooling the wisdom of experts beyond and within our network.



EVENTS THAT: WILL SPEAK UP ON SPECIFIC ISSUES

PRIMARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS

COURSES INCLUDED WITHIN YOUR MEMBERSHIP -
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED

PRIMARY READING SESSIONS

These meetings aim to enable schools to share best practice and current thinking with regards to the teaching of reading. They are designed to support and build a professional community where teachers will be able to network, share and discuss approaches they use within the classroom.

DATE	TIME	VENUE
28th September 2023	16.00 - 17.00	Digital event on Zoom
12th December 2023	16.00 - 17.00	Digital event on Zoom
16th January 2024	16.00 - 17.00	Digital event on Zoom
5th March 2024	16.00 - 17.00	Digital event on Zoom
22nd May 2024	16.00 - 17.00	Digital event on Zoom
5th June 2024	16.00 - 17.00	Digital event on Zoom

PRIMARY LIVE DIGITAL WORKSHOP

These sessions are scheduled throughout the year, giving the opportunity for the team to address current issues leaders are facing or to provide additional support in a particular area. The subject of the workshops will be published ahead of the meetings. Session 1 of this series will focus on KS1 and KS2 national data.

DATE	TIME	VENUE
3rd October 2023	15.45 - 16.45	Digital event on Zoom
5th December 2023	15.45 - 16.45	Digital event on Zoom
6th February 2024	15.45 - 16.45	Digital event on Zoom
1st May 2024	15.45 - 16.45	Digital event on Zoom
24th June 2024	15.45 - 16.45	Digital event on Zoom

EVENTS THAT: WILL SPEAK UP ON SPECIFIC ISSUES

PRIMARY DEBATING COMPETITION *(For pupils)*

Following the success of last year's competition, we are once again giving pupils the chance to take part in real debates, and the opportunity to showcase their finest oracy skills against competitors from other schools. There will be limited spaces available so be sure to book!

DATE	TIME	VENUE
28th June 2024	13.00 - 15.30	Digital event on Zoom

COURSES FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE

MATHS AND WRITING CPD PROGRAMMES 2023-24

We are thrilled to be offering these highly successful programmes to all schools next year. The programmes each consist of five 90-minute digital sessions and are led by Bob Cox for Writing and Gareth Metcalfe for Maths.

The courses that are on offer are:

- Building mathematical problem solvers in year 5 & 6
- Developing number sense to build calculation fluency in year 3 & 4
- The foundations of number sense in KS1
- Opening doors to quality writing in year 3 & 4
- Opening doors to quality writing in year 5 & 6

The dates for each of these courses are in the tables below but for more information on the content covered please click [here](#) for the writing flyer and [here](#) for the maths flyer.

THE FOUNDATIONS OF NUMBER SENSE, KS1 *(£225+VAT per school)*

DATE	TIME	VENUE
11th September 2023	13.15 - 14.45	Digital event on Zoom
2nd October 2023	13.15 - 14.45	Digital event on Zoom
20th November 2023	13.15 - 14.45	Digital event on Zoom
22nd January 2024	13.15 - 14.45	Digital event on Zoom
4th March 2024	13.15 - 14.45	Digital event on Zoom

EVENTS THAT: WILL SPEAK UP ON SPECIFIC ISSUES

**DEVELOPING NUMBER SENSE TO BUILD CALCULATION FLUENCY
IN LOWER KS2 MATHEMATICS** (£225+VAT per school)

DATE	TIME	VENUE
18th September 2023	13.15 - 14.45	Digital event on Zoom
9th October 2023	13.15 - 14.45	Digital event on Zoom
27th November 2023	13.15 - 14.45	Digital event on Zoom
5th February 2024	13.15 - 14.45	Digital event on Zoom
11th March 2024	13.15 - 14.45	Digital event on Zoom

BUILDING MATHEMATICAL PROBLEM-SOLVERS IN UPPER KS2
(£225+VAT per school)

DATE	TIME	VENUE
25th September 2023	13.15 - 14.45	Digital event on Zoom
6th November 2023	13.15 - 14.45	Digital event on Zoom
15th January 2024	13.15 - 14.45	Digital event on Zoom
22nd April 2024	13.15 - 14.45	Digital event on Zoom
20th May 2024	13.15 - 14.45	Digital event on Zoom

OPENING DOORS TO QUALITY WRITING IN YEARS 3 AND 4
(£195+VAT per school)

DATE	TIME	VENUE
16th October 2023	13.15 - 14.45	Digital event on Zoom
21st November 2023	13.15 - 14.45	Digital event on Zoom
24th January 2024	13.15 - 14.45	Digital event on Zoom
21st March 2024	13.15 - 14.45	Digital event on Zoom
29th April 2024	13.15 - 14.45	Digital event on Zoom

EVENTS THAT: WILL SPEAK UP ON SPECIFIC ISSUES

OPENING DOORS TO QUALITY WRITING IN YEARS 5 AND 6
(£195+VAT per school)

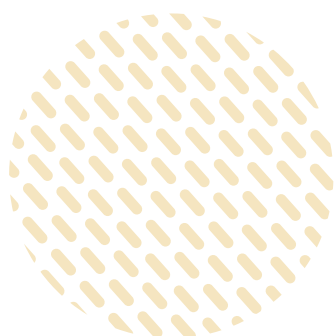
DATE	TIME	VENUE
18th October 2023	13.15 - 14.45	Digital event on Zoom
4th December 2023	13.15 - 14.45	Digital event on Zoom
29th January 2024	13.15 - 14.45	Digital event on Zoom
18th March 2024	13.15 - 14.45	Digital event on Zoom
6th June 2024	13.15 - 14.45	Digital event on Zoom

PRIMARY CURRICULUM LEADERS *(£120+VAT per delegate)*

A course to support middle leaders, subject leads and curriculum coordinators to drive educational excellence through effective curriculum development.

We are excited to be offering curriculum leaders in primary schools the opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to lead their curriculum areas with impact. With a focus on curriculum intent, implementation and impact – and how these can be supported by the application of PiXL leadership approaches – the aim is for delegates to feel empowered and equipped to be effective and reflective curriculum leaders.

DATE	TIME	VENUE
13th November 2023	16.00 - 17.30	Digital event on Zoom
31st January 2024	16.00 - 17.30	Digital event on Zoom
16th April 2024	16.00 - 17.30	Digital event on Zoom
10th June 2024	16.00 - 17.30	Digital event on Zoom



EVENTS THAT: WILL SPEAK UP ON SPECIFIC ISSUES

SECONDARY & POST 16

COURSES INCLUDED WITHIN YOUR MEMBERSHIP - NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED

Digital live events keeping your middle leaders up to date with the most pressing and relevant issues arising in their subject.

COURSES FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE

SECONDARY AND POST 16 SUBJECT FESTIVALS *(£205+VAT)*

We are delighted that our face-to-face English, Maths and Science Conferences will be back in London's Westminster Central Hall for the first time since 2019. We reached great heights in 2016/2017, with many hundreds packing the building around the time of reformed GCSEs, keen to think and plan together in a new landscape.

We have made capacity for many 100s to join us again for Time to Think and reform afresh, this time to an agenda set by us, not by a specification change. These conferences will be our largest ever and will be a rich experience for subject leaders on the day - with breakouts back as well! - they will come back armed with strategy, ways to implement and supporting resources. If you are an RSL, do join us as it will help enhance the conversation about the detail in school.

SECONDARY AND POST 16 ENGLISH FESTIVAL *(£205+VAT)*

DATE	TIME	VENUE
23rd November 2023	All day	Central Hall, London

SECONDARY AND POST 16 SCIENCE FESTIVAL *(£205+VAT)*

DATE	TIME	VENUE
29th February 2024	All day	Central Hall, London

EVENTS THAT: WILL SPEAK UP ON SPECIFIC ISSUES

SECONDARY AND POST 16 MATHS FESTIVAL (£205+VAT)

DATE	TIME	VENUE
1st March 2024	All day	Central Hall, London

SECONDARY AND POST 16 PREPARING FOR EXAMS (£120+VAT)

Following requests to do more to support middle leaders, along with the popularity of our 2022-23 courses, we are delighted to be running a Preparing for Exams course in 2024, after the first round of mock examinations. For many middle leaders, 2023 was their first year teaching or leading a fully-examined two-year GCSE or A Level course. As Ofqual have warned that results will go down in 2023, we know that many middle leaders and their teams may appreciate a renewed focus on the key aspects that will make a difference for them and their students in 2024 and are therefore delighted to bring you a course that aims to do just this.

This 3-session online programme, would also be ideal for experienced subject leaders or assistant subject leads who would like support and act as a forum to really focus on the key roles and responsibilities in the lead up to this crucial examination period.

DATE	TIME	VENUE
23rd January 2024	16.00 - 18.00	Digital event on Zoom
6th February 2024	16.00 - 18.00	Digital event on Zoom
19th March 2024	16.00 - 18.00	Digital event on Zoom



NETWORKING APP AND RAPID RESPONSE (CROSS PHASE)

**COURSES INCLUDED WITHIN YOUR MEMBERSHIP -
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED**

NETWORKING APP

The PiXL Networking App is a great tool for you, as members, to contact, share ideas and network with each other. In addition to our scheduled events we have left space in our calendar to be able to run regular Networking App Live sessions on issues that may be challenging schools in the moment.

You can join the session by logging into the Networking App and clicking the banner at the top of the screen which will say 'join' when the session starts.

If you do not yet have an account, and are interested in joining the conversations, you can access the app [here](#) or scan this QR code on your other devices.

It only takes a couple of minutes to create your own personal user account and get logged in. All you need is an email address and your School PiXL login details. For help accessing and logging into the app, please download our [user guide](#).



REGIONAL HUBS

Our regional leaders will be providing hubs to support schools that may have regional specific issues and to help promote networking across local schools. If you have any suggestion of topics that would be helpful, please do email events@pixl.org.uk.

All of the above sessions will be communicated to you, our members, via the Networking app and the RSL weekly headlines email so do look out for communications!





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