



Stoke Secondary  
Science Partnership

# Stoke-on-Trent Secondary Science Partnership

Newsletter and  
key dates

January 2020

Thank you to everyone who has attended and supported the SSSP so far, we have had lots of valuable CPD, pupil intervention and collaboration. Please keep reading to see what's on offer over the coming months and circulate around your science department.

All activities are free and often you can receive cover costs to release staff for these events.

Please contact if you would like any support or CPD that is bespoke to your School/ Academy. Contact through [www.stokescience.co.uk](http://www.stokescience.co.uk) or email [sbirch@thediscoveryacademy.co.uk](mailto:sbirch@thediscoveryacademy.co.uk) directly. SLEs can support with teaching and learning for all teachers (NQT, trainee, aspiring leaders), subject knowledge support for non specialists or teaching out of specialism, departmental reviews, curriculum support.

## Resources

We are developing a collection of Science resources and weblinks. Please see the website ([www.stokescience.co.uk](http://www.stokescience.co.uk)) to access resources from all SciMeets and SASCAL events. Have you seen the Starters for Year 11? Thanks to all who have contributed so far. Resources are regularly added to the website so please check it out!



## Pupil Intervention Year 11 Foundation 4

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a year 11 pupil event at Keele University on **12<sup>th</sup> February** for the day. This is a session aimed at pupils who are sitting foundation to boost or consolidate to a grade 4.

## Pupil Intervention Year 11 Super 6

We are also running year 11 Super 6 again at Keele University on **25<sup>th</sup> March** for the day. This is a session aimed at pupil premium pupils who are sitting higher paper who can be boosted to a grade 6.

Some student feedback from previous sessions

- "the most useful aspect was learning exam technique"
- "I liked the exam relay as it allows for exam practice with instant feedback"
- "I'm more confident with the topics covered" and "I know where my weak areas are to revise"
- "I liked the interaction, because it got me involved"
- "Physics was fun with exam preparation"

These are free events for up to 10 pupils from each school across the city (maybe more depending on uptake), a contribution to travel costs may also be available .

## Yr 9 & 10 intervention days

Keep an eye out for details of booster sessions for year 9 & 10 pupils.

We are organising these sessions for the end of June and early July.

**Sessions will boost skills and engage in science within career context**

**Y10- Engineering  
Y9- Health careers**

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Please see the calendar on the website for details on events and links to booking forms.



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## What's On For Teachers

### SASCAL HOD meeting- 30<sup>th</sup> January @ The COOP Academy

Time for head of departments to network, This meeting will start with the SASCAL group for Maths before breaking off to science. We will be looking at how we currently work with our Maths departments and what can be done to work more effectively in the future.

We will also be looking at the changes to the OFSTED frame work and what impacts this will have on our key stage 3 and 4 curriculum.

## STEM led teacher CPD

Working along with Science Learning Partnership we are offering 2 courses, both will be **fully funded** for 1 member of staff through either the Learning Partnership or through the SSSP if your school doesn't qualify for SLP funding. We will also be offering **£100 for cover costs** for attendance for one member of staff !

### Science for low attainers

10<sup>th</sup> February

2pm-4pm @ St Peters CofE Academy

### Stretch and Challenge of Pupils in Science (Getting more grades 7-9 in science)

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

2pm- 4pm @ St Peter CofE Academy

Please contact [sbirch@thediscoveryacademy.co.uk](mailto:sbirch@thediscoveryacademy.co.uk) or Stephen Burrows from the Science Learning Partnership for more details.

### SSSP contact

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## What's On For Students

12<sup>th</sup> February\*

Foundation 4

25<sup>th</sup> March\*

Super 6  
Keele University

29<sup>th</sup> June\*

Year 10 Engineering and  
Maths  
Keele University

6<sup>th</sup> July\*

Year 9 health careers  
Staffordshire University

- These dates may be subject to change as the dates and locations need confirming.
- Please keep an eye on the calendar and future correspondence for further details

## Teacher Audit

Please complete a short audit by clicking the [link here](#) so you can give us an idea of the best CPD we can offer, and the type of support teachers would like to engage with. Please circulate around your department



# SciMeet

Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> March- Date and Location tbc,

Please contact if you would like to host.

A chance to share good practice and have a bit of fun with colleagues across the city.

If you would like any specific CPD for individuals/ whole department or would like to host any CPD or be more involved in delivering CPD, or become an SLE, please contact us.

