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Spring term 2023 - 2024

The successful primary subject clusters, led by expert subject practitioners from across both primary and secondary phases in Cornwall, will continue with a **face-to-face spring term meeting.** This is an exciting opportunity for schools to come together to share and develop their practice.

The clusters seek to create a sustainable model of continuous improvement for both effective subject leadership and curriculum development, through the establishment of networked learning communities focused on foundation curriculum subjects.

Evidence-based research tells us that a teacher’s subject knowledge is one of the most powerful levers we have in securing the best possible outcomes for all learners. Our ambition is that these learning communities will provide an opportunity to:

* reflect on current practice within subjects.
* build confidence and expertise in subject specific content knowledge and pedagogy.
* and collaboratively develop strategies for improvement that have the best chances of sustained impact.

**Aimed, primarily, at primary subject leaders, these free and easily accessible networked learning communities will meet termly**. Meeting content will be organised around the unique needs of each subject cluster and actions will be identified as an outcome of each meeting so that schools can then engage in collaborative work, but also share and develop a knowledge base in their own settings and across settings.

To further enhance the development of networked learning communities around each subject cluster, each has its own online forum, using padlet where resources and information can be shared.

**The spring term meetings are face to face, to be held on the dates and times below.**

**For those new to the subject clusters attendance at the meetings will need to be booked in advance through SLA Online :** [SLA Online (sla-online.co.uk)](https://secure2.sla-online.co.uk/Training/sTrainingHome.aspx)

**However, if you are already signed into the subject SLA having attended a previous meeting you do not need to do this again simply let the school effectiveness team via email that you are attending** [ecbusinesssupport@cornwall.gov.uk](https://cornwallservices-my.sharepoint.com/personal/nicky_hepworth_cornwall_gov_uk/Documents/Documents/ecbusinesssupport%40cornwall.gov.uk)



**Spring term 2024 dates and venues**

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| **Subject Cluster** | **Cluster Co-ordinator(s)** | **Meeting date and**  **time** | **Venue** |
| Primary Art and Design  **PSC ART** | Cathy Palmer [cpalmer@theroseland.co.uk](mailto:cpalmer@theroseland.co.uk) | Wednesday 21st February 4.00—  5.30pm | Royal Cornwall Museum River Street,  Truro, Cornwall TR1 2SJ  <https://www.royalcornwallmuseum.org.uk/> |
| Primary Computing  **PSC COM** | Jacob Woolcock [jwoolcock@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:jwoolcock@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk)  Giles Hill [giles.hill@dlcornwall.org](mailto:giles.hill@dlcornwall.org) | Friday 23rd February 1.00-  3.30pm | Aspire offices, Unit 20, St Austell Business Park, PL25 4FD  [https://www.aspireacademytrust.org/6/contact-](https://www.aspireacademytrust.org/6/contact-us) [us](https://www.aspireacademytrust.org/6/contact-us) |
| Primary Geography  **PSC GEO** | Andrew Pikesley [APikesley@penryn-](mailto:APikesley@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk) [college.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:APikesley@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk)  Rob Dempster [Rdempsey@st-marys-](mailto:Rdempsey@st-marys-truro.cornwall.sch.uk) [truro.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:Rdempsey@st-marys-truro.cornwall.sch.uk)  Louise Stephenson [lstevenson@st-marys-](mailto:lstevenson@st-marys-truro.cornwall.sch.uk) [truro.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:lstevenson@st-marys-truro.cornwall.sch.uk) | Thursday 22nd February 4.00-  5.30pm | St Marys C of E School, Truro  [https://www.st-marys-](https://www.st-marys-truro.cornwall.sch.uk/web) [truro.cornwall.sch.uk/web](https://www.st-marys-truro.cornwall.sch.uk/web) |
| Primary History  **PSC HIS** | Dawn Aytoun [dawn.aytoun@croftymat.org](mailto:dawn.aytoun@croftymat.org) | Monday 26th February 1.30-  4.30pm | Chacewater Village Hall <https://chacewater.net/village-hall/> |
| Primary Languages  **PSC LAN** | Jack Emery [jemery@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk](https://cornwallservices-my.sharepoint.com/personal/nicky_hepworth_cornwall_gov_uk/Documents/Documents/jemery%40penpol.cornwall.sch.uk)  Sophie Stephens SStephens@humphry- davy.cornwall.sch.uk | Tuesday 20th February 1.30-  4.30pm | Chacewater Village Hall <https://chacewater.net/village-hall/> |

**Overview of meeting dates for 2023-2024**

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| **Subject Cluster** | **Cluster Co-ordinator(s)** | **Autumn term 2023**  **via teams 4.00- 5.30pm** | **Spring term 2024 – face to (venue and time**  **tbc)** | **Summer term 2024**  **via teams 4.00- 5.30pm** |
| Primary Art and Design  **PSC ART** | Cathy Palmer [cpalmer@theroseland.co.uk](mailto:cpalmer@theroseland.co.uk) | Wednesday 1st November | Wednesday 21st February | Wednesday 12th June |
| Primary Computing  **PSC COM** | Jacob Woolcock [jwoolcock@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:jwoolcock@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk) | Tuesday 31st October | Friday 23rd February | Monday 10th June |
| Primary Geography  **PSC GEO** | Andrew Pikesley [APikesley@penryn-](mailto:APikesley@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk) [college.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:APikesley@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk)  Rob Dempsey [Rdempsey@st-marys-](mailto:Rdempsey@st-marys-truro.cornwall.sch.uk) [truro.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:Rdempsey@st-marys-truro.cornwall.sch.uk)  Louise Stephenson [lstevenson@st-marys-](mailto:lstevenson@st-marys-truro.cornwall.sch.uk) [truro.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:lstevenson@st-marys-truro.cornwall.sch.uk) | Tuesday 2nd November | Thursday 22nd February | Thursday 6th June |
| Primary History  **PSC HIS** | Dawn Aytoun [dawn.aytoun@croftymat.org](mailto:dawn.aytoun@croftymat.org) | Tuesday 7th November | Monday 26th February | Thursday 13th June |
| Primary Languages  **PSC LAN** | Jack Emery [jemery@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk](https://cornwallservices-my.sharepoint.com/personal/nicky_hepworth_cornwall_gov_uk/Documents/Documents/jemery%40penpol.cornwall.sch.uk)  Sophie Stephens SStephens@humphry- davy.cornwall.sch.uk | Thursday 9th November | Tuesday 20th February | Tuesday 4th June |