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News about IT, computer science, online safety and all things educational.

This month's edition has articles on broadband for schools, Computer Science Education Week, The Education Fellowship online safety module, Key Stage 3 computer science baseline tests, National Safer Internet Day, Buzz Assessment and Marking Teachmeet, Visible Learning website update

The Education Fellowship has negotiated a new broadband contract for each of its schools to come into effect at the end of existing contracts.

Schools Broadband is a national provider of specialist broadband and e-safety services to approximately 700 UK schools. With a cloud strategy, Schools Broadband have made significant investments in the latest technology, hosted in their world class data centre to provide our schools with the very latest in guaranteed network speeds and quality, security and e-safety. This will result in a great improvement of existing broadband functionality.

The Schools Broadband service provides schools with a highly resilient service, which maximises internet access and speed, designed to enhance the learning opportunity of the internet to Education Fellowship schools, by giving maximum levels of control and security to ensure that schools optimise this essential learning resource in everyday learning. Through the new Mobile Device Manager application, the service also gives schools a full solution to the challenge of how to manage tablets and mobile computers both whilst on school sites and off.

Education Fellowship will liaise with schools as they approach their conversion time. Many thanks to members of the panel who evaluated and helped negotiated the new contracts: Terry Ekins and Nick Mallard from Wrenn School, Matthew Shaw from Rushden Academy, Adam Goldsmith from Risdene Academy and Claire Wallace from Fellowship House.

Exciting news! Throughout Computer Science Education Week, December 8 - 14, Microsoft Student Partners will pass on their coding skills to students around the world. Using beginner friendly Microsoft tools like TouchDevelop and Kodu Game Lab, the MSPs will teach an Hour of Code to introduce young people to the fun of app building and game design.

Please contact Albin Wallace for more information

The Education Fellowship Online Safety Module

We have now developed the online version of our first CPD module (online safety). The model can be easily adapted for a whole range of CPD activities. If you are interested, then please enroll in the course and have a look around. If you successfully complete the course you will receive an accredited certificate.

In the future we will develop other online training modules.

To enroll in the course please go to https://edmo.do/j/wxsh28

You can also access the course and download instructions from the Visible Learning website at http://bit.do/tef under the primary or secondary teachers button.

Please email albinwallace@educationfellowship if you need the access code. All staff members of The Education Fellowship are welcome to enrol.

Key Stage 3 Computer Science Baseline Tests

There is a full Scheme of Work and lesson plans to complement the computer science baseline tests at http://goo.gl/F4IU2P

All are Creative Commons licensed so you can copy and edit anything.

The next baseline test is scheduled for February 2015 after which progress measures will be provided between tests. This will be automated so that as more tests are taken there will be a progress profile sent for each student and for the department. Over 3 years from year 7 to year 9 there will be six tests.

The Level 1 Open Systems computing qualification requires keeping some coursework along the way but the exam at the end will be very similar to the baseline test and grade candidates pass, merit, distinction, distinction* with league table points the same as for grades D-G at GCSE. This will not affect anyone taking GCSE Computing as the qualifications have different discount codes. Everything is optional.

Buzz
An Education Fellowship Teachmeet

Don't forget to register for our final Buzz Teachmeet for 2014. The theme is **Assessment and Marking** and it will be held at Windmill Primary School on Thursday, 11th December at 4.00 pm. All Education Fellowship teachers are welcome to attend, but in order for us to be able to get enough cakes and mince pies, please register at http://bit.do/teachmeet

If you would like to present a 2 or 7 minute session on assessment or marking during this Teachmeet, then please contact us at albinwallace@educationfellowship.net

This Teachmeet will also be a great opportunity to discuss what life after levels might look like in The Education Fellowship.

We support
Safer Internet Day 2015 on
10 February
Let's create a better internet together
Get involved
www.saferinternet.org.uk

Visible Learning Website Update

- ✓ Online safety professional development module (Teachers)
- ✓ Video of the Month- Changing Education Paradigms (Video)
- ✓ Licensed to Create: Ten essays on improving teacher quality (Teachers)
- ✓ New accountability documents (Fellowship Council)
- ✓ Key Stage 3 IT Levels (Digital Technologies)*
- ✓ Assessment and Marking Teachmeet (Buzz)
- ✓ Ofsted inspecting safeguarding briefing (Safeguarding)
- ✓ Safer Internet Day 2015 (Safeguarding)
- ✓ SEND Code of Practice: implications for schools (SEND)
- ✓ Auditing SEND provision (SEND)
- ✓ Staff questionnaire for SEND (SEND)
- ✓ What must be included in the Single Central Record? (Safeguarding)
- ✓ Gr82bgeeky ICT resources (Digital Technologies)*

http://bit.do/tef

*Thanks to Carl Brotherston from Rushden Academy

Safeguarding Resources on Visible Learning

http://bit.do/safeguarding