



Oxfordshire Science Learning Partnership Newsletter

Secondary October 2020

About Us: We are the local branch of STEM Learning, the largest provider of STEM education and careers support to schools and colleges, whose **vision is to achieve a world-leading STEM education for all young people** across the UK.

The Oxfordshire Science Learning Partnership (SLP) is based at Oxford Spires Academy in the heart of the city. We combine local expertise in science, teaching and learning to facilitate networks, communication, CPD, and school-to-school support. We work closely with primary and secondary schools across the region as well as local and national organisations such as OTSA, Science Oxford and Rutherford Appleton Labs, Ogden Trust and IOP and other local partners with cutting-edge expertise in science.



October

Teaching practicals without the practical, Thursday 1st October 2020, 4.00pm-5.00pm. **£10** Virtual

How do we teach practical work without practical work? What practical work is possible in a socially distanced classroom? What is the latest guidance from CLEAPPS and the ASE? What practical work can be carried out in non-science classrooms? This session looks at potential strategies to ensure students have an understanding of practical work even if practical work seems impossible.

To book please use this link:

<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/481514/teaching-practical-without-practical>

Socially distant teaching, Tuesday 6th October 2020, 4.00pm-5.00pm. **£10** Virtual

This session looks at teaching science in a secondary school under the new Covid 10 restrictions and how we can make lessons more interactive and interesting while remaining at the front of the room.

In these difficult times it is highly likely that blended and remote learning will form part of normal teaching for the foreseeable future, even when students are physically in the classroom. This course aims to share the latest research and thinking in science and will be a great place to get and share ideas about how to make science interactive and interesting whilst remaining socially distant.

To book please use this link:

<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/481362/socially-distant-teaching>

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Glanville Road
Oxford OX4 2AU

Strategic Partners Science Oxford, OTSA



Oxfordshire Technician network meeting

Thursday 8th October 2020, 2.00pm-3.00pm. Virtual (platform TBC). **£10**

Join us for a one hour remote technician meeting. This session will be led by Senior Science Technician and STEM Facilitator, Jackie Merritt. This is a chance to share the 'covid' science practical's experience. The highs and lows of working in these difficult and unusual times.

<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/481149/technician-network>

Technicians: maintaining your prep room Tuesday 20th October, Thursday 22nd October and Tuesday 3rd November 2020, 2.00pm-3.00pm. £40.00.

Maintaining a science prep room can pose a number of challenges. Explore strategies to organise your prep room in an efficient way to maximise the operational side of delivering practical science lessons. You will look at ways to streamline practical requisitions as well as how to document inventories and safety considerations.

This course is 5 hours comprising of 3 virtual sessions and 2 gap tasks to be completed between sessions.

To book please use this link:

<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/481887/technicians-maintaining-your-prep-room>

Coming up in **November**

Subject Leaders network Wednesday 18th November 2020, 9.00am-3.00pm (may change to virtual platform) TBC

Booking link:

<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/481162/subject-leaders-network-meeting>

NQT Training day 1 Friday 27th November 2020, Virtual platform TBC. There are 3 Training days throughout the school year.

The times and dates are still being confirmed for these sessions.

Future upcoming events to look forward to

- Subject leader networks
- Secondary conference
- NQT networks
- Technician networks

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- Technician summer conference
- TSST Physics training

Plus, many more sessions being organised to support your CPD needs.

OTHER EVENTS HAPPENING ALONGSIDE OUR SLP SESSIONS

ASE Regional Primary Science Teachmeet (virtual):

- Date: 8 October 2020
- Timings: 16:00-17:30
- Sign up:
- <https://www.ase.org.uk/events/ase-online-primary-teachmeet-hosted-oxford-and-berkshire-region>
- Further information: Frances Evans francesevans@ase.org.uk

ASE/RAL Regional Secondary Science Teachmeet (virtual):

- Date: 15 October 2020
- Timings: 16:30-18:30
- Sign up:
- <https://www.ase.org.uk/events/ase-teachmeet-rutherford-appleton-laboratory-didcot-rescheduled-date>
- Further information: Frances Evans francesevans@ase.org.uk



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Cancellations

- 1 week notice no fee applies.
- Short notice 50% fee applies.
- Non-attendance 100% fee applies.

PLEASE NOTE!

We have changed our email addresses.

We are no longer [@oxfordspiresacademy.org](http://oxfordspiresacademy.org)

We are now

@spires.anthemtrust.uk