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NEWS UPDATE

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- **25% discount on last few spaces for RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCES at Stibbington Centre in January 2016**
- **Extra date for Autumn Term: PRIMARY SCIENCE BRIEFING**
- **CPD Courses and Meetings for PRIMARY GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY, SCIENCE, MATHS and ENGLISH 2015-16**
- **Book early for DAY COURSES for Autumn, Spring and Summer terms**
- **SCHOOL COUNCILLORS' CONVENTION: for small groups from several different schools, February 1—2 2016**
- **Spring Term COMMUNITY CLASSES programme**

E-News from CEES

CEES' E-newsletter is available at www.cees.org.uk/news/newsletters



CPD and training



General interest and open events



Courses, visits and special events for schools

CEES' Annual Conference, 2016:
Raising standards Improving lives
OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM
on Friday 29 January, 10am to 4pm
at The Haycock Hotel, Wansford



At the time of writing, it's just 12 weeks to CEES Annual Conference which promises to be an inspirational day at the historic Haycock Hotel in the picturesque village of Wansford. Situated in north west Cambridgeshire, the village is easily accessible beside the intersection of the A1 and A47 and delegates may have an opportunity to visit the Stibbington Centre on the day too.

At just £95 for the day, delegates attending will benefit from:

- Keynote presenters including Elaine Skates, Chief Executive of the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom and Jill Foster of Peterborough Environment City Trust.
- A comprehensive programme of 11 hands-on workshops supporting subjects across the curriculum including English, maths, science and IT in the local environment.
- Building new contacts and sharing ideas with schools from 6 Counties.

Full details at www.cees.org.uk/news/images/CEES_Conference_prospectus_2016.pdf

**START THE NEW SPRING TERM
WITH AN IMPACT EXPERIENCE:
25% discount on last remaining
residential places in January 2015**



Residential experiences at Stibbington are available 'come rain or shine', along with a warm and cosy environment for your evening activities, and 5 star quality home cooking. We have a few gaps in our programme in January, so we are pleased to offer a discount of 25% for anyone who can organise a visit at short notice. Benefits of visiting us during the Winter months include:

- Excellent value at discounted rates: £75 per pupil for 3-days/2-nights or £50 for 2-days/one-night
- An impact experience to support your Spring Term topic.
- Winter themed activities across the curriculum.

On Monday 1 to Tuesday 2 February we would like to invite small groups of key stage 2 School Councillors to join us for a 2-day/one night residential programme designed to inspire confidence, independence and leadership skills by focussing on Eco initiatives in schools. This is an opportunity for children to meet up and share ideas with School Council representatives from other schools and take lots of new ideas back into school.

CALLING SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

CPD for PRIMARY SCIENCE, GEOGRAPHY and HISTORY



The **Primary Science briefings** offered by Cambridgeshire's Schools Intervention Service have proved so popular that an additional meeting has been added for this term. CEES science specialists, Nicky Ayscough and Richard Green will lead the briefings for subject leaders. Though the first two meetings are now fully booked, there are spaces on the additional date: Thursday 3 December at Burwell House at 1.30 to 4.30. To book call us on 01780 782386 or visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/learntogether/homepage/65/primary_service_school_improvement_offer

Half day courses on selected aspects of Primary Science, including "Rocks & Soils" and "Plants & Animals" are also available.

CEES' programme of support for **Primary Geography and History** continues in 2015 to 16 with an expanded provision of network meetings and CPD courses.

Deputy Head of CEES and Geography Adviser, Helen Johnston, along with Independent History Consultant, Andrew Wrenn, offer a Subject Leaders' Network, with termly meetings at three locations, newsletters and occasional subject updates, as well as specialist courses in selected aspects of geography and history for the new National Curriculum. Details are at www.cees.org.uk/news/ or www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/learntogether/homepage/32/cees

DAY COURSE BOOKINGS REMAIN BRISK AT ALL CENTRES!



Bookings for Autumn, Spring and Summer terms continue to be busy, with phone calls, emails and web enquiry forms from teachers keen to make bookings to bring their classes for **DAY COURSES** at **Stibbington Centre, Burwell House and Wisbech Castle**. Evacuation days continue to be very popular, along with Romans, Victorians, Habitats, Renewable Energy, Rocks and Rivers. All day courses are led by CEES' team of experienced teachers using local sites and a wide range of specialist equipment and resources. Teachers are advised to book early to avoid disappointment!

BRINGING ENGLISH AND MATHS TO LIFE IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS:

English: Tues 12 Jan Stibbington
Wed 13 Jan Burwell House
Maths: Thur 21 Jan Stibbington
Tue 2 Feb Burwell House

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A wealth of ideas for taking English and maths lessons outside into the school grounds will be shared with delegates at CEES' CPD workshops in the Spring Term. Bringing learning to life in the real world has been shown to contribute pupil engagement, understanding and enthusiasm for learning as well as raising attainment. Bookings are now being taken for our afternoon workshops which take place from 1.30 to 4.30. To book call us on 01780 782386 or [visit the link](#). English and maths workshops also feature in our conference programme on 29 January.

STIBBINGTON COMMUNITY CLASSES: SPRINGTIME SESSIONS



Following a very successful first term, with all sessions fully booked, the new programme of craft workshops for adults has been published. Plans for the New Year include: Willow weaving, Japanese notebooks, Metal clay and Printmaking. Courses on First aid awareness are also offered on Saturday 30 January.

Full details are on the Stibbington Community Classes Facebook page and at www.cees.org.uk/news.

Places must be booked in advance. Tel: 01780 782386 or email: cees.stibbington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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