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THE OFFICIAL CONNEX EDUCATION TUTORS NEWSLETTER

Connex Tutors Newsletter Summer Term

As we enter the final term of this academic year, this is a great time to celebrate all that we have achieved so far and look towards what is to come from September.

Levelling the Tuition Landscape

We continue to be immensely proud of the work you do as tutors and the difference you are making to pupils around the country. A recent report, released by The Sutton Trust, highlights how there has been a shift in the number of disadvantaged pupils accessing tuition. This is incredibly important, and The National Tutoring Programme has played a pivotal role in making these gains. At Connex we continue to be the largest tuition provider on the programme, meaning that you have been instrumental in this shift! If you want to find out more about the gains made, you can access the full report [here](#).



Welcome to Connex Tutors Newsletter!

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will include:

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Safeguarding

Connex Education and its staff must take as our priority the responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people, to minimise risk and keep them safe and secure. At all times, tutors are required to act in accordance with the safeguarding policies and procedures of the education setting in which they are placed in addition to the procedures outlined in the **Connex Education Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy**.

Any disclosure from a child or concern held by a tutor related to child protection and safeguarding must in all cases be treated seriously, in strict confidence and reported immediately to the Connex Education DSL or DDSL and the allocated Designated Safeguarding Lead within the education setting.

Please ensure that you are familiar with our safeguarding processes as well as requesting the schools safeguarding policy as soon as you possible once assigned to a school. If you have any concerns at all, regarding safeguarding, you can make contact with our DSL or DDSL.

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Wellbeing

With the news of a leaked wellbeing report, conducted by the DfE, which lays bare the school workload crisis and the impact it has on the mental health of educators, we want to encourage you to be mindful on your own mental health and wellbeing.

To provide the best for the pupils we work with, it is vital that we first look after ourselves. We have recently launched a course on Connex Academy called **7 Habits of Being Successful and Keeping your Tank Full** which you may be interested in as well as many other courses to support your mental health and wellbeing.



Continued Professional Development

We have really enjoyed speaking to you this term when completing Tutor Reviews and Professional Conversations. It has been a really valuable exercise for us to attend your sessions and see your impact first hand, as well as to engage in professional dialogue with you to learn what is working for you and your pupils and help you to structure your reflections on how to improve this even further. We want to say another big thank you from us, for engaging in these discussions so professionally and for your positive feedback on the processes. We are pleased that this has been a helpful exercise for you, and we look forward to speaking to many more of you throughout Summer term. You can of course use the **Self- Evaluation Checklist** at any time to reflect on your own practice.

A networking platform is currently in development, to allow you, as tutors, to engage with and support each other. This is something that many of you have said you would value and as part of this we will also be looking to share elements of best practice which become apparent through the Tutor Review and Professional Conversation processes. We would really value your feedback on how we can make this platform work for you and which features you would welcome. You can find more details on how you can share your thoughts feedback with us, on this and anything else tutoring related, in the **'Into the Future'** section.

As a Connex Tutor, you can access our Connex Academy courses, completely free, to aid your professional development. You can view a copy of our most recent **Course Matrix** to see which courses are available, we've recently released the below courses aimed at Early Career Teachers and we have further planned released in the summer term.

**Creating Independent Learners -
for Early Career Teachers**

**Setting High Expectations -
for Early Career Teachers**



Feedback from schools

We recently surveyed all of our using schools to gather their feedback on tuition delivered. Their responses were overwhelmingly positive and only served to endorse the positive contribution you are making to their pupils.

96% of schools told us that the tuition you have delivered has had a positive impact on pupils overall and 98% of schools said that you delivered high quality provision throughout the tuition block.

One school told us that they were 'very impressed with the wealth of knowledge possessed by the tutor' with another heaping praise on their tutor for 'being so committed and invested in the outcomes for our children which has made a real difference for our pupils.'

We wanted to say a big thank you for all of the hard work that goes into supporting children, let's continue to work together to make a difference to even more pupils!

Into the Future

You may have seen in the news recently that there have been renewed calls for the government to increase the planned subsidy for The National Tutoring Programme for the 23/24 academic year, as a result of studies, such as that of The Sutton Trust, indicating the positive difference the programme is having on pupils. As it stands, the government will subsidise 25% of the cost of tuition from September but discussions around this figure are still ongoing.

Our schools are already talking to us about tutoring for the next academic year and our consultants will be in touch with regards to tutoring opportunities local to you. Should there be any change to the planned subsidy we will ensure you are kept informed at all times.

The Quality Assurance team are also busy behind the scenes planning some exciting developments for September to ensure we are continuing to maximise the impact of tuition for pupils and providing high quality support and opportunities for you. We are interested in your thoughts and feedback on this, therefore we encourage you to complete the **Tutor Satisfaction Survey**, which was sent out to you last week. You can also contact us on **quality.assurance@connex-education.com** at any point to discuss your needs or share feedback.

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