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HIAS SERVICES FOR SCHOOLS

# Professional subject networks for secondary schools in Hampshire

# 2026-27

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# What subject networks are planned to meet your school's current needs?

We have strengthened our provision of subject network meetings providing school-based colleagues with the opportunity to share good practice, consider the work of others and to 'catch up' around their subject and with other local leaders. Keeping abreast of current professional development, national and local good practice, and adjustments to assessment practices have all required shared thinking and collaboration, aligned to the national agenda and also cognisant of DfE advice.

HIAS has a breadth of subject networks to support most areas. There are both formal professional networks meetings, and informal 'staff meeting' sessions, which complement each other.

The sessions are planned to be a balance of virtual and face to face meetings as appropriate, enabling strong participation of as many of you as possible.

# Secondary Performance and Progress Group (PAPG) led by the Secondary Strategy Team

The Secondary Performance and Progress Group (PAPG) is a very well attended network meeting that meets twice a year for a comprehensive updates and discussion on matters of mutual interest to secondary school headteachers and senior leaders, particularly concerning curriculum, assessment, improving outcomes and performance data.

A standing feature of this meeting is to share crucial updates including changes to national policy, Department for Education (DfE) performance indicators, and Ofsted frameworks. In 2025 this will include the eagerly anticipated final curriculum and assessment review report. It is also a forum through which changes in outcomes to performance indicators both locally and nationally are shared, and implications evaluated. They incorporate academic, attendance, exclusions and destinations data. Regular discussion around how schools are creating a culture and ethos making school irresistible to attend and a curriculum which fosters a love of learning and independence. The improvement in outcomes for ALL pupils, in particular those in key vulnerable groups are a theme that run through all discussions, and the sharing of best practice by schools is on the agenda of each meeting. Meetings are led by HIAS data and curriculum leads and also draw upon HIAS teaching and learning and subject expertise.

Recent meetings have focused on showcasing best practice from schools where P8 for disadvantaged pupils made a significant positive jump to and above 0, as well as thinking around assessment and examinations. At each meeting senior leaders contribute through presentations of their work, and we draw a range of HIAS leads into the meeting with informed best practice nationally – **this is strong networking at its best.**

All senior leaders are welcome to attend PAPG and contribute to the forum.

**Dates for this academic year**

Wednesday18 November 2026 - 13:30 – 16:30

Wednesday 17 March 2027 - 13:30 – 16:30

**How to book**

These sessions can be booked via the Learning Zone using **keyword search PAPG.**

# Secondary subject networks 2026-27

Over the past year school-based colleagues have welcomed the opportunities to share good practice, consider the work of others and to 'catch up' around their subject with other local leaders. Keeping abreast of current professional development, national and local good practice, and adjustments to assessment practices have all required shared thinking and collaboration.

HIAS has a breadth of subject networks to support most areas. For 2026-27 we are offering the following:

- Performance and Progress Group (PAPG)
- Art
- Computing
- Design & Technology
- Drama
- English
- Geography
- History
- Inclusion Briefing and Inclusion Exchange
- Mathematics
- MFL
- Photography
- PSHE/RSE
- Science
- Special Educational Needs (SEN) Briefing
- Tackling Impacts of Economic Disadvantage (TIED)

All networks can be booked via the Learning Zone. The links above provide further information, including the keyword search terms. An overview of subject network session dates and times is provided below.

# The offer

- Most subjects have a blended offer over the academic year, with a mixture of face to face and online training sessions.
- The majority of sessions are scheduled in the afternoons and are 2.5-3 hours in duration.*
- Venue based sessions include refreshments.
- All network sessions will include standard agenda items.

***Please note:**

- Secondary photography networks are bookable and payable as a multi-session offer for 26-27. Session dates and times are provided below.
- English networks are full day sessions.
- Our SEN offer is termly one hour webinar updates.
- The Science networks are half termly and offer both a face to face and virtual session. Delegates are strongly encouraged to attend the face to face session each time, but where this is not possible, they will also have the option to access a catch up webinar. **Note:** only one of these sessions should be attended each time.

# Photography networks

The secondary photography network is a multi-session offer comprising five face to face twilights starting in the autumn term. Bookings should be made via the Learning Zone using keywords ***Photography Network***.

**Session dates**

29 September 2026
23 November 2026
12 January 2027
22 February 2027
17 March 2027

All sessions are 16:00-17:30

For further information, please contact Jayne Stillman
jayne.stillman@hants.gov.uk

## The primary aims of the subject network meetings are to, within the context of creativity, innovation and challenge:

- Ensure a clear understanding of the national picture and its application in local and school contexts.
- Support effective subject leadership as appropriate to each school's individual context.
- Develop skills and expertise and capacity within school subject leaders and their teams through quality strategic CPD and the sharing of good practice.
- Deepen understanding of subject specific pedagogy and knowledge that underpins good progress and attainment for ALL pupils.
- Facilitate school to school networking and develop strength across the system.

## Common agenda items for these meetings:

- Development of subject specific knowledge and an understanding of strong progression and sequencing.
- Enhancing subject leadership.
- Structuring key stage 4 to ensure pupils are well prepared for the next phase of their education.
- Providing high quality key stage 3 provision that builds successfully on key stage 2.
- Ensuring all pupils, including the most vulnerable (SEN and PP) are able to make excellent progress.
- Sharing good practice and work.

Project work and other CPD opportunities and networks will continue and will evolve in line with need.

# Costs

Networks will be charged per session, except Photography which is multi-session. Please visit our Upcoming HIAS Training Offers Moodle page for price information and further details of all our latest secondary training offers, including keywords to help you search and book.

# How to book

- All networks can be booked via the Learning Zone. Please ensure that you use the appropriate keyword search terms when booking.
- We would encourage schools to register staff in the summer term for ***all*** termly network sessions for 2026-27. This will ensure that session dates are confirmed in staff diaries at the beginning of the academic year.
- Automated Learning Zone booking notifications and Outlook diary invites for network sessions will be sent out to correspondence email address recorded in ESS (for Hampshire schools)* or Learning Zone account email address (for Hampshire academies and external schools).

  **We would like to remind Hampshire maintained schools that, if a user has omitted to register a **correspondence email address** in ESS Lite, no Learning Zone or IBC notifications can be sent to this individual. Email addresses can be checked by logging in to ESS Lite and ensuring that both the personal email and correspondence email address fields have been completed. The correspondence email is the one used for all Learning Zone booking notifications and joining information.*

**Colleagues may contact each of the HIAS leads if they require further information and assistance.**

# Secondary Subject Leadership Networks 2026-27 – session dates and times

| Subject | Term | Autumn 1 2026 | Autumn 2 2026 | Spring 1 2027 | Spring 2 2027 | Summer 1 2027 | Summer 2 2027 |
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| | Contact details | Date, time and delivery mode | | | | | |
| **Performance and Progress Group (PAPG)**<br>2 sessions per year | Tania Harding<br>tania.harding@hants.gov.uk | | 18-Nov-26<br>*Venue based session*<br>13:30-16:30 | | 17-Mar-27<br>*Venue based session*<br>13:30-16:30 | | |
| **Secondary Art Networks**<br>3 sessions per year | Jayne Stillman<br>jayne.stillman@hants.gov.uk<br>Access our wider art training offer here | | 05-Nov-26<br>*Venue based session*<br>13:00-16:00 | 19-Jan-27<br>*Venue based session*<br>13:00-16:00 | | | 01-Jul-27<br>*Venue based session*<br>13:00-16:00 |
| **Secondary Computing Networks**<br>3 sessions per year | Phil Bagge<br>philip.bagge@hants.gov.uk<br>Access our wider computing training offer here | | 23-Oct-26<br>*Venue based session*<br>13:30-16:30 | 22-Jan-27<br>*Venue based session*<br>13:30-16:30 | | | 09-Jul-27<br>*Venue based session*<br>13:30-16:30 |
| **Secondary Design & Technology Networks**<br>3 sessions per year | Sarah Pook<br>sarah.pook2@hants.gov.uk<br>Access our wider computing training offer here | | 16-Dec-26<br>*Venue based session*<br>13:00-16:00 | | 03-Mar-27<br>*Venue based session*<br>13:00-16:00 | | 07-Jul-27<br>*Venue based session*<br>13:00-16:00 |
| **Secondary Drama Networks**<br>3 sessions per year (full day) | Chris Vaudin<br>chris.vaudin2@hants.gov.uk | | 11-Nov-26<br>*Venue based session*<br>13:30-16:30 | | 23-Feb-27<br>*Venue based session*<br>13:30-16:30 | | 17-Jun-26<br>*Venue based session*<br>13:30-16:30 |

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| **Secondary English Networks**<br>**3 sessions per year (full day)** | Jo Kenyon<br>joanna.kenyon@hants.gov.uk<br>Access our wider English training offer here | 9-Nov-26<br>*Venue based session*<br>09:00-16:00 | | | 02-Mar-27<br>*Venue based session*<br>09:00-16:00 | | 24-Jun-27<br>*Venue based session*<br>09:00-16:00 |
| **Secondary Geography Networks**<br>**3 sessions per year** | Kate Broadribb<br>kate.broadribb@hants.gov.uk<br>Access our wider geography training offer here | 05-Oct-26<br>*Venue based session*<br>13:30-16:30 | | 18-Jan-27<br>*Virtual session*<br>14:00-16:30 | | 11-Jun-27<br>*Venue based session*<br>09:00-12:00 | |
| **Secondary History Networks**<br>**2 sessions per year** | Sarah Herrity<br>sarah.herrity@hants.gov.uk<br>Access our wider history training offer here | | 18-Nov-26<br>*Virtual session*<br>14:00-16:30 | | 24-Feb-27<br>*Virtual session*<br>14:00-16:30 | | |
| **Secondary Inclusion Exchange**<br>**3 sessions per year** | Urmilla Choubae<br>urmilla.choubae@hants.gov.uk<br>Chris Vaudin<br>chris.vaudin2@hants.gov.uk<br>Di Lowth<br>diana.lowth@hants.gov.uk | | 06-Nov-26<br>*Venue based session*<br>09:00-12:00 | | 26-Feb-27<br>*Venue based session*<br>09:00-12:00 | | 11-Jun-27<br>*Venue based session*<br>09:00-12:00 |
| **Secondary Inclusion Networks**<br>**3 sessions per year** | Urmilla Choubae<br>urmilla.choubae@hants.gov.uk | 29-Sept-26<br>*Virtual session*<br>15:30-17:00 | | 27-Jan-27<br>*Virtual session*<br>15:30-17:00 | | 26-Apr-27<br>*Virtual session*<br>15:30-17:00 | |

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| **Secondary Mathematics Networks**<br>**5 sessions per year** | Jo Lees<br>jo.lees@hants.gov.uk<br>Access our wider maths training offer here | 22-Oct-26<br>*Venue based session*<br>13:30-16:30 | 19-Nov-26<br>*Venue based session*<br>13:30-16:30 | 02-Feb-27<br>*Venue based session*<br>13:30-16:30 | 18-Mar-27<br>*Venue based session*<br>13:30-16:30 | | 22-Jun-27<br>*Venue based session*<br>13:30-16:30 |
| **Secondary MFL Networks**<br>**2 sessions per year**<br>**+ 1 conference** | Kerry Yates<br>kerry.yates@hants.gov.uk<br>Access our wider MFL training offer here | | 11-Nov-26<br>*Full day conference*<br>*Venue based session*<br>09:00-15:00 | | 03-Mar-27<br>*Venue based session*<br>14:00-17:00 | | 30-Jun-27<br>*Venue based session*<br>14:00-17:00 |
| **Secondary PSHE Networks**<br>**2 sessions per year** | Helen Dear<br>helen.dear@hants.gov.uk<br>Access our wider PHSE training offer here | | 04-Nov-26<br>*Venue based session*<br>13:30-16:30 | | 17-Mar-27<br>*Venue based session*<br>13:30-16:30 | | |
| **Secondary Science Networks**<br>**6 sessions per year** | Richard Wilson<br>richard.wilson2@hants.gov.uk<br>Access our wider Science training offer here | South<br>12-Oct-26<br>North<br>13-Oct-26<br>*Venue based sessions*<br>13:30-16:30<br>15-Oct-26<br>*virtual catch up session*<br>15:30-17:00 | South<br>24-Nov-26<br>North<br>25-Nov-26<br>*Venue based sessions*<br>13:30-16:30<br>26-Nov-26<br>*Virtual catch up session*<br>15:30-17:00 | South<br>27-Jan-27<br>North<br>25-Jan-27<br>*Venue based sessions*<br>13:30-16:30<br>28-Jan-27<br>*Virtual catch up session*<br>15:30-17:00 | South<br>16-Mar-27<br>North<br>17-Mar-27<br>*Venue based sessions*<br>13:30-16:30<br>18-Mar-27<br>*Virtual catch up session*<br>15:30-17:00 | South<br>10-May-27<br>North<br>11-May-27<br>*Venue based sessions*<br>13:30-16:30<br>13-May-27<br>*Virtual catch up session*<br>15:30-17:00 | South<br>30-Jun-27<br>North<br>28-Jun-27<br>*Venue based sessions*<br>13:30-16:30<br>01-Jul-27<br>*Virtual catch up session*<br>15:30-17:00 |

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| **Secondary SEND Briefings**<br>**3 sessions per year** | Di Lowth<br>diana.lowth@hants.gov.uk<br>Access our wider SEN training offer here | | 13-Oct-26<br>*Virtual session*<br>15:45-17:00 | 02-Feb-27<br>*Virtual session*<br>15:45-17:00 | | 04-May-27<br>*Virtual session*<br>15:45-17:00 | |
| **Secondary**<br>**Tackling Impacts of Economic Disadvantage (TIED) Networks**<br>**3 sessions per year** | Chris Vaudin<br>chris.vaudin2@hants.gov.uk<br>Access our wider disadvantaged training offer here | | 19-Nov-26<br>*Venue based session*<br>13:15-16:15 | | 11-Mar-27<br>*Venue based session*<br>13:15-16:15 | | 01-Jul-27<br>*Venue based session*<br>13:15-16:15 |

# Contact details

We are also happy to frame any bespoke offer around your school's needs.

All commissioned work is bespoke to the school and tailored to meet a school's requirements; if you would like to discuss how this work can be commissioned to meet your school's needs, please contact Jean Thorpe, County Education Manager – Secondary and Post-16.

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