

FUTUREZONE

SPRING TERM 2017

FZ EYFS Network

EY co-ordinators are invited to attend an initial meeting on the **18th January at Montem School 4.00p.m.** The EYFS Network will support EY development plans and seek to share good practice and opportunities for professional development.

For further information, please contact: Bernadette Alexiou

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FZ Art and DT Network

A new Art and DT FZ Network will be meeting on the **17th January 2017 at Mount Carmel School from 4.30p.m.** The Network will share ideas about relevant and current practice while raising the profile of Art/DT in schools and share opportunities for professional development.

For further information, please contact: Deb McCormick

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Excellence demands effort
and planned, deliberate
practice of increasing
difficulty

K. Anders Ericsson

Deliberate Practice

Matthew Syed is our guest speaker for the FZ Shared Inset Day **Mon 20th February 2017 a.m.** at the Union Chapel.

Matthew's work is inspired by the findings of Anders Ericsson and his research on expertise. Ericsson recently published a book: "Peak" According to Ericsson, deliberate practice involves stepping outside your comfort zone and trying activities beyond your current abilities. While repeating a skill you've already mastered might be satisfying, it's not enough to help you get better. Moreover, simply wanting to improve isn't enough — people also need well-defined goals and the help of a teacher who makes a plan for achieving them.

A brief overview of Ericsson's work can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u0UHIZP094Q>





FZ Middle Leaders' Course

The FZ Middle Leaders' met for their second day on the 15th November 2016 with a focus on Leading Learning in their settings.

Date of next meeting:

Fri 3rd Feb, 9.00-3.00. IOE.

FZ PE Network

The FZ PE Network are focussing on improving the quality of swimming provision this academic year. Mark Carter met with GLL Swimming representatives before Christmas and will provide an update at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 30th Jan

FZ Leaders' Meeting

The FZ Leaders' Network met in the Autumn Term and discussed changing the focus of the cluster meetings towards an opportunity to share good practice and continue to prepare for the FZ Inset by discussing readings.

Date of next meeting:

**Tue 31st Jan, 1.00-3.00,
Newington Green**

FZ Poet Laureate

Congratulations to **Ethan Hellier** of **Gillespie School**, who became the 8th FutureZone Poet Laureate with his winning entry "The Mannequin".

The course and competition were a great success with primary and secondary pupils and students collaborating to explore the poetry of: Blake, Causley, Duffy, Hughes and Silverstein. They responded to the poems studied via the blog with their own versions of the original poem studied.

You can review examples of their work via:

<https://islingtongovuk.j2bloggy.com/FutureZone-Poetry-2016/>

Greater Depth Workshop

FZ are hosting a Chris Quigley workshop: "Securing Greater Depth" on the **22nd March 2017** at Ambler School. The workshop will explore: what is Greater Depth, how can we plan for it in the core subjects and show evidence of greater depth?

If you've not already secured your school's place, please contact Michael asap.

FZ HT Conference

The FutureZone Headteachers' Conference is scheduled for the **2nd and 3rd February 2017** in Oxford.

The theme for the Conference is: *Influence*. Workshops include:

- What trends in education can we predict over the coming years?
- Influential leadership from Julius Caesar
- Positive influencing skills