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SPRING NEWSLETTER

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Hello and welcome to our first Evidence Network newsletter for 2023. We hope you had a restful Christmas break and are back feeling refreshed for the term ahead.

We are excited to share with you the latest developments for the Evidence Network. Our aims are to shine a spotlight on using effective evidence-informed practice in our East Cambs & Fenland schools through opportunities for professional collaboration and peer-to-peer support. In our schools, we are looking for the best outcomes for all our pupils but particularly those who are disadvantaged. Head to our new website [here](#) for more information.

Find out about **Evidence Bites: a series of three bite-sized events** in Fenland and East Cambs [here](#). We are bringing national education voices into the heart of our teaching community to inspire and engage with us in our rural context. We guarantee good food, networking in good company and a great speaker, so that we leave feeling more equipped to address the complex challenges in our schools and to take achievable steps for positive change.

We are delighted to welcome **Marc Rowland**, adviser for improving outcomes for disadvantaged learners working with the Unity Schools partnership in the East of England and the EEF, to speak at our first event:

Evidence Bites #1
Thursday 23rd March, 5-7pm
Cromwell Community College, Chatteris

More information on booking for this event coming soon. Save the date!

We really look forward to meeting you over the coming year and sharing in the process of helping every child that we all care so passionately about.

Best wishes
Kate Bonney & Adam Rivett, Evidence Network Directors

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Evidence Bites: bite-sized events over the coming year *Feeding & energising teaching professionals in East Cambs & Fenland*



Evidence Bites is a series of three bite-sized events designed to fit into our lives and our context; to feed our professional insight, to energise us with practical real life solutions and to encourage us to learn together and from each other. **Enjoy good food, network with colleagues, hear from and talk to a great speaker.**

The Venn diagram draws together three key areas which we hope to explore further as a network, through engaging professional collaboration.

- Educational and child development research which provide evidence to inform what might work well.
- Curriculum design informed by cognitive science which has evolved so substantially in recent years
- The frameworks and targets for improvement against which we all measure ourselves as schools.

At the intersection on the Venn, of course, there is the child – a real, human and infinitely diverse child; a person to know and help. Children are always at the heart of our thinking and it is us, as adults and professionals, who use every tool and every insight to build relationships with each child.

We are really looking to meeting you and hearing from you; sharing our ideas and breaking down our dilemmas, so that each child gets a better education.

This is a pilot project and we will warmly welcome your feedback so we can sure our events meet your needs. We are creating a network with you and for you – do join in!



Thursday 23rd March 2023

5-7pm

Cromwell Community College, Chatteris

**In discussion with Marc Rowland: Addressing
Disadvantage in our Community**

Save the date - Booking info coming soon!

OUR AIMS

The East Cambs & Fenland Evidence Network has been set up to help children in dispersed communities (especially disadvantaged) benefit from the effective implementation of evidence-informed practice in local education settings. It provides an opportunity for professionals to collaborate within our rural locality, supporting colleagues to use the very best research and evidence to inform practice within our schools and classrooms.

Our pilot project is a collaborative partnership with the EEF, Norwich Research School and the Opportunity Area. As the network develops, we seek to inspire and support school leaders to drive school improvement through engagement with evidence-informed research in a practical way. Robert Arkenstall Primary School and Littleport Community Primary School are link schools acting as a hub to deploy the growing team of Evidence Advocates across our area.

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