

National Conference 2014:

Giving a hope and a future to all young people

The PiXL National Conference is taking place on Monday 1st December 2014 at Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Broad Sanctuary, Westminster SW1P 3EE from 9.15am to 4.00pm (conference opens at 8.15am).

“After the success of last year’s first ever PiXL National Conference, it is time once again to offer this superb opportunity for PiXL schools across the country to share outstanding practice in all areas of school leadership. This year’s National Conference looks better than ever and I’m sure many schools will continue to be transformed through what they hear at this outstanding national event and then take back into their organisations to impact positively for the future on students’ lives.”

Sir John Rowling, Chair of PiXL

PiXL 2014
The National Conference

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£130 per
person.

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inspired

The National Conference Programme

The National Conference will be based around sixteen zones listed below – each headed up by a senior PiXL zone leader. Every zone will offer a real range of presentations, workshops, inspirational talks and the chance to hear about and reflect on the best practice surrounding the key issues related to each zone.

Choose your conference sessions...

Please select the sessions you wish to attend from the sixteen zones listed on the following pages. You have the option to attend up to seven sessions during the day. Lunch will be held from 12.00pm to 2.00pm. We would recommend that you choose which session you wish to have your lunch – either session 4 or 5 – on the booking form. Please be aware that the choices you make are an expression of interest and not a definite booking. On the day you may find that some sessions are full due to space allocation – which is why we wish to maintain the flexibility to change your choices. You will notice that some of the more popular sessions will be run twice in order to ensure that all members have the opportunity to attend. *Please note – we will do our utmost to accommodate all members’ choice of sessions.*

Registration and networking will take place from 8.15am.

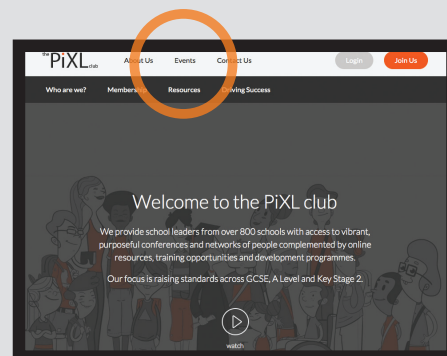
How to book...

Please follow these instructions to book onto the National Conference 2014:

- Go to the PiXL website www.pixl.org.uk.
- Click on *Events* and then scroll to *1st December*.
- Login using your PiXL website username and password.
- Complete the booking form for each delegate attending.

Please be aware that delegates will need to make their choices of sessions when they book. The sessions are shown on the booking form in the order of times, for example: all session 1 choices will be listed together. You are able to change your session once you have booked, you can do this by simply logging back into the form and updating your booking.

If you have any questions then please contact Sian James on sian@pixl.org.uk.



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Zone 1 Keynote zone Two internationally renowned speakers are delivering inspiring keynotes in the large auditorium.	Session times 2 10.15 – 11.00	Session and presenter Wow! You have no idea... putting the wow factor back into education Sir John Rowling, Director of PiXL Sir John Rowling will be hosting the Keynote Zone and will speak from 10.30am after a ten minute performance from the PiXL Acapella Quintet who recently performed at the annual National PiXL Celebration Event in September 2014.
	6 14.15 – 15.00	Camila Batmanghelidjh CBE Camila is a British businesswoman, charity leader and author of Iranian and Belgian ancestry. She is best known as the founder and chief executive of Kids Company, a charity providing practical, emotional and educational support to vulnerable inner-city children and young people in the UK.
Zone 2 Teaching and learning This zone will highlight many of the latest developments and strategies used by leading practitioners for securing outstanding practice in lessons. Sessions will focus on areas that will develop a variety of skills from planning outstanding lessons, developing outstanding teachers through coaching or how to develop a school approach to developing a learning mind-set or higher order questioning skills.	1 9.15 – 10.00	The power of coaching Lynda Wallace, <i>Deputy Headteacher</i> , and Denis Garvey, <i>Director of Achievement, Greenshaw High School</i>
	2 10.15 – 11.00	It's all in the mindset! Lynne Kyle, <i>Assistant Headteacher</i> , and Danny Morton, <i>Head of Year 8, St James' Catholic School</i>
	3 11.15 – 12.00	Progress over time without lesson gradings Ross McGill, <i>Deputy Headteacher, Quintin Kynaston Academy</i> , and writer for <i>The Guardian Education</i>
	4 12.15 – 13.00	No session
	5 13.15 – 14.00	Unlock the learning potential of your students Sharon Williams, <i>Vice Principal, Belfairs Academy</i>
	6 14.15 – 15.00	Progress, challenge and stretch Jane Mullan, <i>Senior Deputy Headteacher, Friern Barnet School</i>
	7 15.15 – 16.00	The strategic analysis of marking Sarah Murrell, <i>PiXL Sub Area Leader for London and Surrey</i> , and <i>PiXL Lead for History</i>
Zone 3 Curriculum and performance measures In the ever-changing education arena, we are always looking for ways to ensure our learners have the best provision in order to achieve the most success. This zone will provide practical ways to develop your curriculum and secure the very best performance, whatever the needs of your students.	1 9.15 – 10.00	The future of curriculum 14 to 16 Bill Watkin, <i>Operational Director, SSAT</i>
	2 10.15 – 11.00	Preparing students for new GCSEs, a knowledge-based approach Matt Robinson, <i>Deputy Principal, Carshalton Boys Sports College</i>
	3 11.15 – 12.00	The future of curriculum 14 to 16 Bill Watkin, <i>Operational Director, SSAT</i>
	4 12.15 – 13.00	10 top curriculum tips for maximising outcomes Jenny Gaylor, <i>PiXL Curriculum Lead and Vice-Principal, Carshalton Boys Sports College</i>
	5 13.15 – 14.00	No session
	6 14.15 – 15.00	Assessing without national curriculum levels, a PiXL approach Richard Johnson, <i>Headteacher</i> , and Kirsten Prescott, <i>Deputy Headteacher, Severn Vale School</i>
	7 15.15 – 16.00	One size doesn't fit all Claire Turpin, <i>Associate Principal, Sydney Stringer Academy</i>

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Zone 4 PiXL Primary and Transition <p>This zone will showcase the latest understanding of 'life without levels', and what is termed 'expected standard', which will impact on secondary schools with Year 7 starting in 2016. This represents a huge change for our primary colleagues, both in terms of the curricular content as well as how and the standard to which pupils in Year 6 will be assessed.</p>	Session times	Session and presenter
	1 9.15 – 10.00	Life without levels: a new era for primary to secondary transition Nick Ware, <i>Director PiXL Primary</i> , and Gill McCredie, <i>Deputy PiXL Primary Leader</i>
	2 10.15 – 11.00	No session
	3 11.15 – 12.00	Academic transition: Ensuring we hit the ground running at KS3 Aaron Reid, <i>Deputy Headteacher, Haygrove School</i>
	4 12.15 – 13.00	No session
	5 13.15 – 14.00	Developing a formal collaborative relationship between primary and secondary schools Nick Guest, <i>Headteacher, Thorpe Primary School</i> and Chris Game, <i>Assistant Headteacher, Jack Hunt School</i>
	6 14.15 – 15.00	No session
Zone 5 Aligning the school vision to ensure advancement with attainment and progress <p>This zone will cover key areas including: the use of PLCs and strategies for improving behaviour for learning and maximising memory. This will highlight a number of case studies from PiXL schools.</p>	1 9.15 – 10.00	The importance of research and measuring project outcomes Jonathan Sharples, <i>The Education Endowment Foundation</i>
	2 10.15 – 11.00	Using the EEF toolkit to inform research and best practice Jonathan Sharples, <i>The Education Endowment Foundation</i>
	3 11.15 – 12.00	No session
	4 12.15 – 13.00	The case for evidence based teaching Mike Bell, <i>The Evidence Based Teachers Network</i>
	5 13.15 – 14.00	No session
	6 14.15 – 15.00	29 things that don't work in education Mike Bell, <i>The Evidence Based Teachers Network</i>
	7 15.15 – 16.00	The impact well-being project Jude Sellen-Cole, <i>Director of Wellbeing Projects</i>
Zone 6 Raising Achievement <p>Highlighting a wealth of PiXL strategies, this zone will unpick key areas of outstanding practice and will also highlight a number of case studies from leading PiXL schools across the country.</p>	1 9.15 – 10.00	Maximising the performance of boys Wyll Willis, <i>Headteacher, Wallingford School</i>
	2 10.15 – 11.00	Adding 15% to 5A*-C including English and maths in a 'volatile' year two case studies Glen Alexander, <i>Headteacher, Archbishop Ilsey Catholic School</i> and Peter Banks, <i>Deputy Headteacher, Higham Lane School</i>
	3 11.15 – 12.00	Creating and developing effective professional relationships David Evans, <i>PiXL Central Regional Leader</i>
	4 12.15 – 13.00	No session
	5 13.15 – 14.00	Getting it right in KS3 Mike Dunn, <i>Deputy Headteacher, Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School</i>
	6 14.15 – 15.00	A gigantic leap – moving from 54% to 81% in one year Balraj Hare, <i>Principal, Sandy Upper School</i>
	7 15.15 – 16.00	Creating and developing effective professional relationships David Evans, <i>PiXL Central Regional Leader</i>

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Take your
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Zone 7 Leadership Inspiration This zone promises to bring a wide variety of ideas and practice to inspire key leaders working in a range of roles across the full school leadership spectrum.	Session times	Session and presenter
	1 9.15 – 10.00	The manager: Inside the minds of football's leaders Mike Carson, <i>Leadership Coach</i>
	2 10.15 – 11.00	No session
	3 11.15 – 12.00	Five qualities of inspirational school leaders John Simpson, <i>Chair, Avanti Trust Academy Chain</i>
	4 12.15 – 13.00	Leadership for a self-improving school system Sian Carr, <i>Principal, Skinners' Kent Academy and National ASCL Council Member</i>
	5 13.15 – 14.00	How to transform a school in three terms Balraj Hare, <i>Principal, Sandy Upper School</i>
	6 14.15 – 15.00	No session
Zone 8 Creating an outstanding school culture This will look at practical ways in which leaders can create an outstanding school culture with significant and far reaching impact on achievement, behaviour and staff development. Presenters will provide strategies based on their own experiences in different school settings and challenging contexts. Particularly aimed at schools seeking a blueprint for long term, sustainable school improvement.	7 15.15 – 16.00	Building a legacy of leadership Baroness Sue Campbell, <i>Chair, Youth Sports Trust and UK Sport</i>
	1 9.15 – 10.00	Create an outstanding school culture – embedding rigorous standards with Year 7 pupils and developing them throughout the school Rebecca Geoghegan, <i>Deputy Headteacher</i> , and Rowena Ward, <i>Head of Year 7, Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College</i>
	2 10.15 – 11.00	No session
	3 11.15 – 12.00	Create an outstanding school culture – five things to do with your staff Barbara Rogers CBE, <i>Executive Principal, St Patrick's Teaching School Alliance</i>
	4 12.15 – 13.00	No session
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	6 14.15 – 15.00	No session
Zone 9 Showcasing Mathematics This zone will feature resources, strategies and ideas to help raise students' standards in mathematics. The speakers will be showcasing some outstanding practice to engage learners and aid progress not only in mathematics, but also in the context of numeracy across the curriculum.	7 15.15 – 16.00	Creating an outstanding school culture through exceptional professional development John Cornally, <i>Headteacher</i> , and Dominique Gobbi, <i>Associate Headteacher, Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College</i>
	1 9.15 – 10.00	Numeracy across the curriculum – a whole school approach and how to achieve it Adelaide Lister, <i>Senior Assistant Headteacher and RSL at Rooks Heath College</i>
	2 10.15 – 11.00	No session
	3 11.15 – 12.00	Using peer tutoring to raise attainment in mathematics Shofiquez Zaman, <i>Deputy Headteacher and Raising Standards Leader, Forest Gate Community School</i>
	4 12.15 – 13.00	No session
	5 13.15 – 14.00	Increasing challenge by adapting resources Karen Collins, <i>Mathematics Teacher, Darrick Wood Secondary School</i>
	6 14.15 – 15.00	No session
	7 15.15 – 16.00	Raising the game – strategies to increase attainment in mathematics Colin Hegarty, <i>Advanced Skills Teacher, Preston Manor School</i>

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Zone 10 Closing the Gap Showcase <p>It is vital that every school 'builds the blocks' to close the gap. In our ever changing education arena we all look for ways to ensure our learners achieve. This zone will give you specific strategies on how to ensure progress for ALL of your students. Each of the speakers will outline their strategies and the positive impact they have had in their schools in narrowing the gap.</p>	Session times 1 9.15 – 10.00	Session and presenter Create a curriculum that enables a flight path from Year 7 through to university Janet Jones, <i>Education Consultant</i>
	2 10.15 – 11.00	How you can help your teachers to 'close the gap' in the classroom Sharon Williams, <i>Vice Principal, Belfairs Academy</i>
	3 11.15 – 12.00	Closing the gap from an Ofsted perspective Bill Stoneham, <i>Education Consultant</i>
	4 12.15 – 13.00	Closing the gap – How to use your Pupil Premium with IMPACT Emma Hickton, <i>Assistant Vice Principal and Raising Standards Leader, Belfairs Academy</i>
	5 13.15 – 14.00	No session
	6 14.15 – 15.00	Create a curriculum that enables a flight path from Year 7 through to university Janet Jones, <i>Education Consultant</i>
	7 15.15 – 16.00	Moving to excellence: Know all your students, be accountable for their success, inspire them to achieve Sharon Williams, <i>Vice Principal, Belfairs Academy</i>
Zone 11 Behaviour for Learning <p>In this zone delegates will hear a wealth of ideas related to this key aspect of school leadership, providing a real insight into how we can practically create the best atmosphere for learning at the highest level.</p>	1 9.15 – 10.00	Ten strategies to raising attendance Penny Sharratt, <i>Director, Sol Consulting</i>
	2 10.15 – 11.00	No session
	3 11.15 – 12.00	Why are you shouting at us? John Murphy, <i>Chief Executive, Oasis Community Learning</i>
	4 12.15 – 13.00	No session
	5 13.15 – 14.00	Ten practical strategies to improve your behaviour management Penny Sharratt, <i>Director, Sol Consulting</i>
	6 14.15 – 15.00	No session
	7 15.15 – 16.00	Developing whole school strategies to improve behaviour for learning John Murphy, <i>Chief Executive, Oasis Community Learning</i>
Zone 12 Preparing for Ofsted <p>Covering the key aspects and challenges of the Ofsted Framework, this zone will call on the expertise of experienced leaders from around the country. If you are expecting an Ofsted inspection soon, or just want to understand more about the intricacies of the framework, there will be much on offer.</p>	1 9.15 – 10.00	Good to outstanding: Vision into practice Sue Pryor, <i>Headteacher and OFSTED Inspector with members of the SLT at Swakeleys School for Girls</i>
	2 10.15 – 11.00	No session
	3 11.15 – 12.00	An inspector calls Jo Stuart, <i>Deputy Headteacher, Glenthorne High School and Registered OFSTED Inspector</i>
	4 12.15 – 13.00	Good to outstanding: Vision into practice Sue Pryor, <i>Headteacher and OFSTED Inspector with members of the SLT at Swakeleys School for Girls</i>
	5 13.15 – 14.00	No session
	6 14.15 – 15.00	No session
	7 15.15 – 16.00	Be prepared Steve Hume, <i>Headteacher, Glenthorne High School and registered OFSTED Inspector</i>

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Zone 13 Middle Leadership All aspects of middle leadership will be explored in this key zone, including the essential features of excellent PiXL Middle Leadership and what it means to be an outstanding PiXL Middle Leader.	Session times	Session and presenter
	1 9.15 – 10.00	What outstanding middle leadership looks like – when to look in the mirror; when to look out of the window! Jeff Dawkins, <i>Course Director, PiXL National Middle Leadership Programme</i>
	2 10.15 – 11.00	Promoting effective middle leadership at post 16 Jane Coley, <i>Deputy Headteacher, Edgbarrow School and PiXL6 Leader</i> and Gareth Croxon, <i>Assistant Headteacher, Edgbarrow School, Alumni of the PiXL Middle Leadership National Programme</i>
	3 11.15 – 12.00	Driving you around the Bens! Ben Antell, <i>Principal, Glenmoor and Winton Academies</i>
	4 12.15 – 13.00	
	5 13.15 – 14.00	Transformational middle leadership: Why weak middle leadership is a Welsh rarebit! Joy Ballard, <i>Headteacher</i> , and Rob Edwards, <i>Deputy Headteacher, The Willows High School</i>
	6 14.15 – 15.00	Influences that shape outstanding middle leadership: PiXL or Cornish pixie? Rob Finch, <i>Vice-Principal</i> , and Karyn Frayne and Duncan Yeates, <i>Middle Leaders at Mounts Bay Academy</i>
	7 15.15 – 16.00	Dig out the squidgy things! Vikki Boomer, <i>Executive Principal, Oasis Academy John Williams, Bristol</i>
Zone 14 Raising Achievement through Sport A number of nationally renowned presenters will be showcasing how the principles and values of sport can change young people's lives for the better and help to raise achievement and attainment in all areas of school life.	1 9.15 – 10.00	A sporting school Billy Downie, <i>Headteacher, The Streetly School, Sutton Coldfield</i>
	2 10.15 – 11.00	Physical Education for life Kevin Barton, <i>Head of Achievement, Youth Sport Trust</i>
	3 11.15 – 12.00	Marginal gains Nicola Miniciello, <i>Educator, Olympian and Olympic Coach</i>
	4 12.15 – 13.00	No session
	5 13.15 – 14.00	Raising aspirations Katy Storey, <i>Youth Sport Trust Athlete Role Model, University of Northumbria</i>
	6 14.15 – 15.00	Going the extra mile Guin Batten, <i>Chief Operating Officer, Top Foundation</i>
	7 15.15 – 16.00	Sports leadership Jessica Jones, <i>Platinum Young Ambassador</i>



Last year's National Conference: Delegates enjoyed time to network with colleagues from other schools between sessions.

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Zone 15 Sixth Form In this zone a number of superb presenters will be sharing best practice related to improving and sustaining sixth form performance for students across a range of settings.	Session times	Session and presenter
	1 9.15 – 10.00	Intervention, intervention, intervention! Jane Coley, <i>Deputy Headteacher, Edgbarrow School</i>
	2 10.15 – 11.00	Giving hope and a future through excellence in Post-16 practice John Philip, <i>Senior Educational Consultant, ALPS</i>
	3 11.15 – 12.00	Right time, right student, right intervention, right place Paul Willett, <i>Deputy Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form, Didcot Girls' School</i>
	4 12.15 – 13.00	Go beyond the bulletin Dan Hazlehurst, <i>Head of Sixth, Hayes Secondary School</i>
	5 13.15 – 14.00	No session
	6 14.15 – 15.00	No session
	7 15.15 – 16.00	Assertive mentoring Jason Mirtschin, <i>Assistant Headteacher, Greenshaw High School i/c Sixth Form</i>
Zone 16 Literacy SPaGhetti Bolognese Showcase In this zone a range of leading literacy experts will be showcasing best practice and providing a wealth of ideas to take away and impact across PiXL schools.	1 9.15 – 10.00	"Let's start at the very beginning, a very good place to start!" Marie Curtis, <i>Primary Headteacher, Ash Grange and previously Literacy Consultant for the Literacy Strategy</i>
	2 10.15 – 11.00	No session
	3 11.15 – 12.00	Batman, Wonder Woman, Spiderman, Superman... Lydia Darke, <i>Head of English</i> , Lauren Williams, <i>Second in English</i> , and Emma Jackson, <i>Head of Languages, St Crispin's School</i>
	4 12.15 – 13.00	The split infinitive Mike Gould and Paul Higgins, <i>Harper Collins</i>
	5 13.15 – 14.00	No session
	6 14.15 – 15.00	No session
	7 15.15 – 16.00	All on the same (literacy) page! Rachel Johnson, <i>PIXL English Associate</i>

Session 7 will finish at 4.00pm and the conferences close at 4.30pm.

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