

# Festival of learning



28 February - 8 April

## FESTIVAL VISITS

All visits must be arranged by appointment with the school(s). Please telephone the respective school to arrange and confirm dates and times. Southend schools can claim up to £500 per school to cover the cost of staff taking part in the programme of visits.

**FOCUS:** **Aimhigher:**  
Raising the aspirations of young people under represented in higher education.

Nominated School	Aspect of Showcase
<p><b>Cecil Jones College</b> Eastern Avenue, Southend on Sea SS2 4BU Contact: Kathryn Boydell Tel: <b>01702 440000</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 31st March 2011 (11am-3.30pm) or Monday 4th April 2011 (9am - 1pm)</b> You are invited to see how Aimhigher has supported students aged 14 to 19 to become aspirational about their futures. Through a targeted programme of mentoring, campus visits and motivational activities, we have raised student confidence so they leave school secure in the knowledge they can achieve at University. We offer an opportunity for visitors to speak to staff about the activities we have organised through the Aimhigher programme.</p>
<p><b>Chalkwell Hall Junior School</b> London Road, Leigh on Sea SS9 3NL Contact: Richard Spence Tel: <b>01702 478570</b></p>	<p><b>Week beginning Monday 28th March 2011</b> You are invited to visit our school to talk to staff who have worked with pupils using the 'Professor Fluffy' programme. This is a motivational activity devised by the Engineering Department at the University of Liverpool in order to raise the aspirations of Year 5 and 6 pupils.</p>
<p><b>Futures Community College</b> Southchurch Boulevard Southend on Sea SS2 4UY Contact: Glen Wickham Tel: <b>01702 586123</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday 30th March 2011 (1.30pm - 3.30pm)</b> Using the Aimhigher Framework, able students from poor socio economic backgrounds have been supported to achieve their full potential. Much of this work has been made possible through the sustained support of the School Co-ordinator and the Learning Mentors. You are invited to a Workshop where Aimhigher staff will outline the activities they do with students both in school and off site to encourage them to be aspirational about their futures.</p>
<p><b>Leigh North Street Junior School</b> North Street Leigh on Sea SS9 1QE Contact: Martin Frampton Tel: <b>01702 476826</b></p>	<p><b>Friday 25th March 2011 (1.15pm - 3.15pm)</b> The Professor Fluffy programme (a motivational activity for Year 5/6 children) is delivered in two parts. The first part takes place in School and the second at the University of Essex. You are invited to see the project in action in our school and to talk with staff about the benefits it offers in raising awareness of University education.</p>

**FOCUS:** **Arts and Creativity:**  
Using creative learning as a way of improving and raising pupils' aspirations.

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<p><b>Milton Hall Primary School</b> Salisbury Avenue Westcliff on Sea SS0 7AU Contact: Debbie Priest Tel: <b>01702 330758</b></p>	<p>We are a Creative Partnerships enquiry school and will be showcasing our "multicultural gardeners" project. Teacher, Mr Archer, will also be discussing the creative connections course he recently attended through the Royal Opera House. Please telephone the school to find out more.</p>
<p><b>Shoeburyness High School</b> Caulfield Road, Shoeburyness SS3 9LL Contact: Mark Schofield Tel: <b>01702 292286</b></p>	<p>Creativity is at the heart of our school. We believe every child has a skill and a talent and we need to find ways of unlocking that potential! An example of this can be seen with our "Excel" Group project where excellent results have been achieved through a creative and individually tailored approach to learning and the curriculum. To find out more please arrange a visit to our school.</p>

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<p><b>The Westborough School</b> MacDonald Avenue Westcliff on Sea SS0 9BS Contact: Geri Bennett / Simon Hollands Tel: <b>01702 349249</b></p>	<p>Our school ethos includes improving life chances through creativity and in this regard we have been a Royal Opera House Creative Partnership school for the last 3 years. We value the environment and have taken part in very creative initiatives such as the Cardboard Construction project and the Phoenix project at a local cemetery! We look at emerging practice and select what can benefit our school which includes adjusting the timing of our school day! To find out more please telephone to arrange a visit.</p>

**FOCUS: Challenge for All:**  
Supporting children and young people in overcoming barriers to learning.

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<p><b>Barons Court Primary School</b> Avenue Road, Westcliff on Sea SS0 7PJ Contact: Gyl Wood Tel: <b>01702 331356</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday mornings</b> Our project, supported by the Southend Education Trust, enables children with a diverse range of needs to reach their potential through a structured programme of Play Therapy. Visitors are welcome to come and observe sessions and speak with our Play Therapist Specialist.</p>
<p><b>St Nicholas School</b> Philpott Avenue, Southend on Sea SS2 4RL Contact: Chris Kinnear Tel: <b>01702 462322</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday or Thursday mornings (9.15am-10.15am)</b> Southend Education Trust has supported us in setting-up and resourcing a Photographic Club for children who have a flair and aptitude for photography. Visitors are invited to see the Photographic Club in action.</p>
<p><b>West Leigh Infant School</b> Ronald Hill Grove, Leigh on Sea SS9 2JB Contact: Mary Clarke Tel: <b>01702 476610</b></p>	<p>Visitors are welcome to come and see the impact of our "Talk Talk" project involving the use of a speech therapist to deliver a focussed programme of support for infant children which seeks to break down barriers to learning caused by difficulties in communication.</p>

**FOCUS: English as an Additional Language:**  
Supporting children and families for whom English is not their first language.

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<p><b>Hamstel Infant School</b> Hamstel Road, Southend on Sea SS2 4PQ Contact: Jackie Dillnutt Tel: <b>01702 468461</b></p>	<p>We have a wide variety of languages spoken in our school and an increasing number of children starting Nursery with very little or no English. In particular we have noticed the isolation of some mothers because of their English language limitations. In response we have established an English language group for mothers which is run by an English for Speakers of Other Languages trained Higher Level Teaching Assistant in a friendly, welcoming learning environment. Visitors are welcome to see this happy, supportive group in action on Monday afternoons at our school.</p>
<p><b>Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School</b> Windermere Road Southend on Sea SS1 2RF Contact: Sally Nutman Tel: <b>01702 468052</b></p>	<p>36% of our pupils have English as their second language. Come and watch our specialised Talking Maths programme that helps develop vocabulary knowledge in mathematics. Watch a model lesson in KS1 where pupils' language needs are supported by a wide range of strategies. Walk around the school and see how learning words is at the centre of our learning activities. Attend a workshop where we share best practice and see the impact our Creative Partnership project, Working on Traditional Tales, has had with our pupils of mixed heritage.</p>
<p><b>St Helen's Catholic Primary</b> North Road, Southend on Sea SS0 7AY Contact: Maggie Jones Tel: <b>01702 343823</b></p>	<p>Come and see how we support our learners, 52% of whom have English as an additional language. We will show visitors a wide range of different teaching methods, such as Talk Maths, ICT programmes and a variety of activities which we use to meet the needs of our learners. Visitors will also see how we induct pupils new to speaking English and new to the English education system and we will share other strategies we use to celebrate different cultures in our school.</p>
<p><b>St Mary's C of E Primary</b> Boston Avenue Southend on Sea SS2 6JH Contact: Frances Neil Tel: <b>01702 354012</b></p>	<p>We invite you to see how we support our learners of English, young and not so young, by using an exciting and innovative language programme called "Language Garden." This colourful, interactive ICT website encourages learners of English to "grow" their sentences on the screen, using colour and shape to reinforce and support phonics, word-building and grammar, in a creative and enjoyable way. To find out more please arrange a visit to our school.</p>

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**FOCUS:** **Information Communication Technology:**  
Using a virtual learning platform – Fronter – as a communication tool and to enhance learning.

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<p><b>Chalkwell Hall Junior School</b> London Road, Leigh on Sea SS9 3NL Contact: Rebecca Perman Tel: <b>01702 478570</b></p>	<p>Children and staff will be happy to share how we have fully embedded Fronter into our learning. Visitors will observe cross curricular creative learning and be given a temporary guest log-in to see how teachers and children use Fronter. Visitors will also have the opportunity to talk to children and staff and learn, for example, how we are successfully using Fronter for homework and e-Forums for communicating between teachers, children and parents. Fronter is now integral to our day-to-day learning and our children would really like the opportunity to talk to you about it!</p>
<p><b>Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School</b> Windermere Road Southend on Sea SS1 2RF Contact: Sally Nutman Tel: <b>01702 468052</b></p>	<p>Visitors will see how Fronter has been successfully integrated into the curriculum and school life in a Primary school context. Visitors will observe cross curricula lessons in which Fronter plays an integral part and be given a temporary guest log-in to see how teachers and children are using Fronter. There will be an opportunity to take part in online lessons and even contribute! Visitors will be able to talk to both children and staff and to see children's online portfolios. Fronter has revolutionised the way we work - from teachers' planning to allowing parents to access online resources and information. It is the way forward. So come and see what we are doing, you'll be impressed!</p>
<p><b>Southend High School for Boys</b> Prittlewell Chase Southend on Sea SS0 0RG Contact: Liz Duffy/Ben Maddison Tel: <b>08444 771752</b></p>	<p>Visitors will see how Fronter has been successfully integrated into the curriculum and school life in a Secondary school context. Visitors will observe cross curricula lessons in which Fronter plays an integral part. There will be an opportunity to talk to students and staff on how Fronter has enhanced the learning within the school and to see the parental portal and how it works with online reporting. Visitors will also have the opportunity to talk with our senior leader who has responsibility for how the platform is developed across the school. Fronter has revolutionised the way we operate from teachers' planning and resource sharing to parents accessing online resources and information; it is the way forward. So come and see how we scaffold and stretch student learning and progression.</p>
<p><b>Southend High School for Girls</b> Southchurch Boulevard Southend on Sea SS2 4UZ Contact: Sarah Imbush Tel: <b>01702 588852</b></p>	<p>Sarah would be happy to show visitors in a matter of minutes how simple and easy video conferencing technology can be used to link classes within school and between schools. She is keen to discuss with visitors ideas for how this can benefit pupils and/or parents in your school. Sarah has trialled cross curricular ideas such as teaching maths in French and using French culture as a theme using this simple technology and has made videos for parents to keep them informed about resources and revision classes available in school. Students from years 7 to 13 have also had a chance to use in-house videos made to help them with their homework. Gifted and talented pupils also can be specifically catered for with their own video resource base. Book to arrange a learning conversation with Sarah about using video conferencing technology to enhance teaching and learning.</p>

**FOCUS:** **International Dimension and Primary Modern Foreign Languages:**  
Developing an international dimension to the curriculum and promoting the learning of modern foreign languages.

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<p><b>Chalkwell Hall Junior School</b> London Road, Leigh on Sea SS9 3NL Contact: Rebecca Perman Tel: <b>01702 478570</b></p>	<p>Our creative curriculum has given us much scope to embed an International Dimension ethos in our school. This academic year alone our children have studied Japan, America, The Arctic and Antarctic, France and China. Everyone is welcome to observe lessons and discuss with our children how they help chose countries and cultures to study. We are happy to share our plans and ideas with all!</p>
<p><b>Heycroft Primary School</b> Benvenue Avenue Leigh on Sea SS9 5SJ Contact: Andrew Palmer Tel: <b>01702 521832</b></p>	<p>We are in the process of becoming a Fairtrade school and would be happy to share and show some of the work we have been doing. Visitors will also have the opportunity to talk to our Fairtrade Committee of pupils who have led the project. We have a cotton farmer from Mali in Africa visiting us on 8th March to talk about what Fairtrade means to him. You are welcome to join us for this or arrange a visit throughout the Festival period.</p>

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<p><b>Temple Sutton Primary School</b>            Eastern Avenue            Southend on Sea SS2 4BA            Contact: Lorna Bines            Tel: <b>01702 468582</b></p>	<p>Are you struggling to incorporate a Modern Foreign Language into an over-packed curriculum? Are you looking for inspiration in how to develop reading and writing skills in French? Do you want to give your pupils the strategies and skills they need to succeed in languages at their secondary schools? If the answer to any of these questions is YES come and visit us for practical support and advice. We concentrate on Language Learning Strategies in Modern Foreign Language lessons in the context of cross-curricular topics, such as: Habitats, Teeth, The Solar System, The Romans, World War II, The Rainforest, Musical Instruments and Healthy Living. International links are firmly embedded in our curriculum and our International Club helps us to plan whole-school events. We have a thriving link with our partner school in Nice and all year groups enjoy sharing work with their French peers.</p>

**FOCUS: Learning Mentors:**  
 Supporting children, young people and their families to overcome barriers to learning.

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<p><b>Milton Hall Primary</b>            Salisbury Avenue            Westcliff on Sea            SS0 7AU            Contact: Andy Smith/Janice Smith and            Wendy Meddle            Tel: <b>01702 330758</b></p>	<p><b>Friday 18th March 2011 (9.15am–10.30am)</b>            Come and join us for a session of 'Good to Be Me' with pupils and their parents/carers - part of our Family Social, Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL) programme.            We will show you how a Family SEAL session is planned and delivered and how to engage parents in this rewarding experience.</p> <p><b>Friday 18th March 2011 (11am – 3pm)</b>            Our experienced Family SEAL facilitators, authors of Family SEAL Plus for the National Strategies, will be available to talk about Family SEAL and how it is delivered in our school. They will explain how they work with hard to reach families, sharing with visitors their experiences and talking about the resources available.</p>
<p><b>Thorpedene Infant School</b>            Delaware Road, Shoeburyness            SS3 9NP            Contact: Louisa Levy            Tel: <b>01702 582283</b></p>	<p><b>2nd, 9th, 16th March 2011 (1.30pm – 3.00 pm)</b>            Come and see how we support Parents through our Parenting Programme. We will show you how we invite Parents to engage with one of our courses; how we deliver the course in a relaxed and friendly environment; and how we support Parents &amp; encourage them to learn and try out new skills and strategies.</p>

**FOCUS: Learning Outside the Classroom:**  
 Making the most of the environment, outdoor spaces and our local heritage.

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<p><b>Barons Court Primary School</b>            Avenue Road            Westcliff on Sea, SS0 7PJ            Contact: Gyl Wood            Tel: <b>01702 331356</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 10th March 2011</b>            Come and join us in Learning Outside the Classroom: -            9am – A Beach Experience – appropriate teaching and learning for Key Stage 1 with 25 children;            1.15pm – A Learning Through Landscapes experience – a presentation of the development of our school grounds, with a strong focus on encouraging pupils to have a voice (also available other days by arrangement);            2pm – Year 3 movies showing the process of problem solving to create appropriate outdoor learning environments;            2.15pm - Piazza Time, a Forest School element.</p> <p><b>Beach Mornings:</b> You can join us every Thursday morning for our 'Beach Morning'</p>
<p><b>Fairways Primary School</b>            The Fairway, Leigh on Sea SS9 4QW            Contact: Lee Pinchback            Tel: <b>01702 525693</b></p>	<p><b>Friday 11th March 2011 (starting at 1.45pm)</b>            An opportunity to observe, discuss and join in with a range of Outside Learning Activities including tool work and fire work.            Also lots of other activities and ideas involving children from Reception to Year 6.</p>
<p><b>Hamstel Infant School and Nursery</b>            Hamstel Road, Southend on Sea SS2 4PQ            Contact: Lisa Clark            Tel: <b>01702 468461</b></p>	<p>Come and experience how we deliver a Key Stage 1 curriculum in our unique outdoor area. With our newly planted mature trees, pond and Hobbit Hut, you will see children involved in a range of activities and also see our fire lit! Visitors are warmly welcome.</p>

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<p><b>Shoeburyness High School</b> Caulfield Road, Shoeburyness SS3 9LL Contact: Alan Proudfoot Tel: <b>01702 292286</b></p>	<p>Visit us for an afternoon and take the opportunity to observe and interact with Year 7 or 8 pupils taking part in Forest School sessions. On location at either Belfairs or Belchamps pupils will demonstrate shelter building, working with knives and other outdoor activities. If specifically visiting on a Tuesday there is an opportunity to see a Forest School Club. A question &amp; answer session could also be provided back at school.</p>
<p><b>St Bernard's High School and Arts College</b> Milton Road, Westcliff on Sea SS0 7JS Contact: Debbie Price Tel: <b>01702 343583</b></p>	<p>This will be an opportunity to discuss our whole school approach and commitment to learning outside the classroom. We will show visitors how we have used the Learning Outside the Classroom Manifesto to support us in reviewing opportunities and identifying priorities, both at whole school and departmental level. We will also share with visitors the different experiences that currently make up our school curriculum.</p>

**FOCUS: Middle Leadership Development Programme:**  
Developing and growing effective middle leaders in our schools.

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<p><b>Earls Hall Infant School</b> Carlton Avenue, Westcliff on Sea SS0 0QN Contact: Alison Picknell Tel: <b>01702 344334</b></p>	<p>Come and see the next steps for successful Middle Leaders after completing the Middle Leadership Development Programme. We will show you how effective Middle Leaders can enhance pupil performance and develop their personal learning to improve their own practice in their schools.</p>
<p><b>Hamstel Infant School and Nursery</b> Hamstel Road, Southend on Sea SS2 4PQ Contact: Jackie Dillnutt Tel: <b>01702 468461</b></p>	<p>Come and see how a Learning Colleague supports a Middle Leader through the Middle Leadership Development Programme. We will show you how the Learning Colleague supports and challenges the Middle Leader on their Leadership journey; how the Learning Colleague supports the Middle Leader to identify a gap in learning and teaching through data analysis; and how the whole process supports the Middle Leader's journey through the vehicle of the Leadership Challenge.</p>
<p><b>Heycroft Primary School</b> Benvenue Avenue, Leigh on Sea SS9 5SJ Contact: Jeni Govier Tel: <b>01702 521832</b></p>	<p>As part of the Middle Leadership Development Programme each participant has to undertake a Leadership Challenge.</p> <p>At Heycroft we can show you the impact such a challenge, "aiming higher", has had on the whole school. Aimed at moving lessons from satisfactory to good/outstanding through the use of higher order questioning, we can show you how higher order thinking skills are used throughout the curriculum and key stages and how "challenge for all" is leading improvement.</p>
<p><b>St Bernard's High School and Arts College</b> Milton Road, Westcliff on Sea SS0 7JS Contact: Pat Barron Tel: <b>01702 343583</b></p>	<p>Come to see how the Middle Leadership Development Programme has advanced the practice of our Middle Leaders. We can share with you how the relationship between the professional learning coach and the participant develops; show you examples of the final presentations delivered at the end of the course; and we can discuss the benefits of the learning community set up by the participants.</p>
<p><b>Thorpe Greenways Junior School</b> Greenways, Thorpe Bay SS1 3BS Contact: Debbie Croud Tel: <b>01702 468057</b></p>	<p>The Middle Leadership Development Programme has become an intrinsic part of professional development in our school. Hear from teachers who have completed the course and can explain how their final presentation drew together aspects of their Leadership Challenge. Hear also from teachers currently undertaking their Leadership Challenge who have had their action plans approved. They will explain how this builds on aspects of the school's improvement plan and how they bring their plan to life. Relatively new recruits to the course will share their current ideas for their Leadership Challenge and will guide you through their thought processes in respect of both contributing to the school improvement plan and their own leadership qualities. A trained facilitator will also outline the aims and benefits of the course and be on hand to answer questions.</p>

**FOCUS: National Programme Specialist Leaders of Behaviour and Attendance:**  
An active learning programme for professionals to enhance their leadership skills in the context of Behaviour and Attendance.

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<p><b>Bournemouth Park Primary School</b> Bournemouth Park Road Southend on Sea SS2 5JN Contact: Sally Catchpole/Chris Breakey Tel: <b>01702 468046</b></p>	<p>Come and see how this programme has supported our school to improve attendance and further developed our inclusive school ethos. We will show you our Family Room where we promote positive relationships between parents and carers and their children in a safe, relaxed environment.</p> <p>Our attendance incentive reward scheme has been shared with local schools by the attendance team as a model of good practice.</p>
<p><b>Hinguar Community Primary School</b> Hinguar Street Shoeburyness SS3 9AN Contact: Sandra Brown Tel: <b>01702 292721</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday 9th March (12.15pm-1.45pm)</b></p> <p>Come and see how this programme supported us to develop peer mediation in our school.</p> <p>Timetable opportunities:</p> <p>12.15pm-12.45pm : talk to Behaviour Mentor and share materials;</p> <p>12.45pm-1.15pm : observe mediators in action;</p> <p>1.15pm-1.45pm : talk to peer mediators</p>

**FOCUS: One-to-One Tuition in English and Maths**  
A tailored programme for children and young people to enable them to reach their potential.

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<p><b>Blenheim Primary School and Children's Centre</b> School Way, Blenheim Chase Leigh on Sea SS9 4HX Contact: Darren Woollard Tel: <b>01702 474684</b></p>	<p>Come and see how our tutor has devised an extensive programme of support for working One-to-One with pupils. See also how our tutor has developed resources to support tuition and how we are using volunteers to support pupils during transition back into class after the 10 hours One-to-One tutoring.</p>
<p><b>Cecil Jones College</b> Eastern Avenue, Southend on Sea SS2 4BU Contact: Inez Ware Tel: <b>01702 440000</b></p>	<p>Come and see how we use our library to enable tutors to collaborate on their work with individual students in English and Maths. We maintain a comprehensive database system for administering the allocation of One-to-One tutoring sessions, find out how we track and evaluate the progress of students on the programme.</p>
<p><b>St George's Catholic Primary School</b> Eagle Way, Shoeburyness SS3 9RN Contact: Paul Parascandolo Tel: <b>01702 293522</b></p>	<p>Come and see how we use target tracker to assess and monitor the impact of One-to-One tuition with our pupils. We will also show you a comprehensive system for selecting pupils who would benefit from One-to-One tuition.</p>

**FOCUS: Philosophy for Children (P4C):**  
Developing the use of enquiry to promote higher order thinking skills.

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<p><b>Bournes Green Infant School</b> Burlascoombe Road, Thorpe Bay Southend on Sea SS1 3PS Contact: Marion Bevan Tel: <b>01702 587099</b></p>	<p>Come and join the adventure and see a Community of Enquiry approach to infant school teaching. See the process in action as children learn how to learn. From the Foundation Stage to Key Stage 1 children can question, reflect, reason and understand.</p>
<p><b>Darlinghurst Primary and Nursery School</b> Pavilion Drive, Leigh on Sea SS9 3JS Contact: Debbie Bernard Tel: <b>01702 478379</b></p>	<p>Come and see how we develop children's thinking. We can show you a Philosophy4Children enquiry in progress and how as a result children think critically, collaboratively, creatively and caringly.</p>
<p><b>Edwards Hall Primary School</b> Bosworth Road, Leigh on Sea SS9 5AB Contact: Eve Hindley Tel: <b>02702 524470</b></p>	<p>Come and see how we have developed a whole school approach to Philosophy4Children. We can show you enquiries across Key Stages 1 and 2 – come and observe our sessions.</p>

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<p><b>Hamstel Junior School</b> Hamstel Road, Southend on Sea SS2 4PQ Contact: Paul Gwilliam Tel: <b>01702 468048</b></p>	<p>Come and see how Philosophy4Children works! We can let you experience an enquiry and you will see the stages of an enquiry; the skill of facilitation and how stimulus is used to initiate a philosophical enquiry.</p>
<p><b>Thorpe Greenways Junior School</b> Greenways, Thorpe Bay SS1 3BS Contact: Debbie Croud Tel: <b>01702 468057</b></p>	<p>Come and see how Philosophy4Children has been extended to parents. See how our programme ensures parents understand the underlying principles behind the Philosophy4Children programme; hear how the programme encourages parents to engage in philosophical discussions of a similar nature with their children at home; and hear from parents who have attended the sessions about the impact this has had on their children and themselves</p>
<p><b>Southend High School for Boys</b> Prittlewell Chase, Southend on Sea SS0 0RG Contact: Ben Maddison Tel: <b>08444 771752</b></p>	<p>Come and see how we use Philosophy4Children to support the delivery of the Religious Education curriculum. We can show you how an enquiry is facilitated; how pupils are engaged in their learning; and how pupils are developing higher order thinking and questioning skills as a result.</p>

**FOCUS:** **Pupil Voice:**  
Encouraging children and young people to have a greater voice in their schools and community.

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<p><b>Chalkwell Hall Junior School</b> London Road, Leigh on Sea SS9 3NL Contact: Rebecca Perman Tel: <b>01702 478570</b></p>	<p>In our school we have been learning about how we learn. From this we have developed a Learning Council which has been highly successful. Our council meet once a week to discuss what is good learning, what good learning looks like and how we can ensure we all develop good learning habits. Our Learning Council have planned and taught lessons, have observed teachers and fed back on the children's learning habits in the lessons. This is a relatively new initiative in our school, but has already had a major impact on our children's attitudes. You are more than welcome to take part in one of our meetings and observe the children observing learning!</p>
<p><b>Shoeburyness High School</b> Caulfield Road, Shoeburyness SS3 9LL Contact: Paul Evans Tel: <b>01702 292286</b></p>	<p>We have developed excellent opportunities for students to have a voice linking with the local community through events such as Debate Shoeburyness involving 245 Primary and 150 Secondary young people with 32 local stakeholders having an impact and voice in their community. We have introduced Student and Staff voice (SAS) which has inspired students to take on various leadership roles; the focus is on team work across all year groups. The role of Senior Prefects and Prefects has increased and as a result the SAS has played a leading role in whole school issues. Come and visit us to find out more.</p>

## FOCUS: Thinking Schools:

A Thinking School is a learning community in which all members share a common language (accredited by the University of Exeter)

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<b>Chalkwell Hall Junior School</b> London Road, Leigh on Sea SS9 3NL Contact: Rebecca Perman Tel: <b>01702 478570</b>	Come and see how we develop good habits for learning. We can show you how we use the question 'What do you do when you don't know what to do?' to encourage children to think of how they approach their learning and how we promote the values of Art Costa's 'Habits of Mind' in all aspects of our school.
<b>Hamstel Junior School</b> Hamstel Road, Southend on Sea SS2 4PQ Contact: Paul Gwilliam Tel: <b>01702 468048</b>	If you agree that the brain makes sense of the changing world by detecting and constructing patterns, then David Hyerle's 'Thinking Maps' may be for you. Thinking Maps are a set of visual tools to help fundamental thinking processes. By linking a visual pattern with the thought process, Thinking Maps enable pupils to develop neural networks of thinking that the brain recognises and builds on continuously. If you want to find out more we can show you how many Maps there are; how the Maps help pupils to organise their thoughts; and how they can be used to improve learning - you might even get a free coffee and a free article on the subject!

## FOCUS: VISS (Volunteers in Southend Schools):

A service that centrally recruits, trains and places volunteers in schools.

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<b>Blenheim Primary School and Children's Centre</b> School Way, Blenheim Chase, Leigh on Sea SS9 4HX Contact: Darren Woollard Tel: <b>01702 474684</b>	<b>Thursday 10th March 2011 (10am – 12pm) or 31st March 2011 (12pm – 2.30pm)</b> Want to know more about Safer and Smart recruitment using the VISS team and how Volunteers can support with learning in a school? Come and find out more from a school's perspective and a volunteer's perspective.
<b>Milton Hall Primary</b> Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff on Sea SS0 7AU Contact: Andy Smith/Janice Smith and Wendy Meddle Tel: <b>01702 330758</b>	Our school involves volunteers in specialist projects to support specific groups of learners. When you visit you will have the opportunity to find out about our volunteer induction programme and observe volunteers engaging with our learners. Tuesday mornings - our volunteer supports groups involved of learners who have no English as well as those with a good level of fluency. See how we involve our gifted and talented language learners in these groups! Friday afternoons – come and see an enterprise group in action. The goal of this group is to develop enterprise skills with boys in KS2 who have previously had difficulty engaging with school. Based on the Swedish model of project education it aims to raise aspiration, engagement and attainment (and covers the Every Child Matters principles of Economic Wellbeing and Making a Positive Contribution).