

SEND

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY



Welcome

to this term's LGfL SEND bulletin! This was the second time that LGfL had a stand at The TES SEN Show on 7th-8th October 2016 and yet again, this was

another successful show. Many London staff were informed about the SEND resources available to them. Thanks to all of you who came and made yourself known to us. We really value your comments on the resources being used in classrooms across London, and your ideas for what else you would find useful. They help us to make sure you get the service you need from LGfL.

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing high quality resources to teachers across London, we have launched three diverse new titles to support the inclusion of pupils with SEND:

- **WordQ SpeakQ**, a powerful writing tool to support pupils from KS2-KS5 to fulfil their potential in class and support them in exams.

- **Employability**, a multimedia tool designed to develop skills for work, and to support literacy and numeracy for secondary school students.

- **Early Shakespeare**, interactive and differentiated software to support pupils with SEND access the works of Shakespeare.

More new and exciting resources are already on their way. All the information you need to use these materials is included in this bulletin. In the meantime, keep sending your queries and suggestions to send@lgfl.net. These really do guide us in our procurements and developments.

Jo Dilworth, LGfL SEND consultant
John Galloway, SEND advisor to editorial board and ICT and SEN advisor, Tower Hamlets.

TRAINING SESSIONS

These are available at no cost to LGfL schools. They will run at Camden CLC and further sessions will also run in the LGfL office in New Malden and other venues.



SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND COMPUTING - PERFECT PARTNERS?

Exploring diverse and inclusive online resources to help pupils with SEND access Computing and online-safety education. This will be led by John Galloway and Jo Dilworth.



REMOVING BARRIERS TO WRITING THROUGH CREATIVITY IN TECHNOLOGY

Investigating the powerful LGfL resources which can be used to support writing, particularly for those with SEND. Suitable for Secondary and Primary school staff.



INCLUSIVE RESOURCES FROM LGfL: GENERAL SEND TRAINING

This session provides hands on support and discussion of established and new inclusive LGfL resources to support learners with SEND. Suitable for Secondary and Primary school staff.

Go to send.lgfl.net and training.lgfl.net to find out more.

For further information on SEND related content and developments, please contact send@lgfl.org.uk

WordQ: SpeakQ



In a new departure for LGFL, we are giving access to all our schools to download and install WordqSpeakq throughout the school, and on staff computers at home, at no additional cost. The suppliers, Assistive It Solutions, are also offering a heavily discounted price for use by pupils at home. Visit <http://www.wordqspeakq.lgfl.net> to get started.

This is a powerful, easy to use tool that supports literacy for young people who can type, but have trouble with writing, grammar and spelling. Users might include those with dyslexia, dyspraxia, ASC, ADHD, physical difficulties and learning difficulties. However, it can be used to support and improve the writing of the majority of learners, with or without recognised additional needs, in KS2-5. It can even be used in other languages to support MFL and EAL teaching and learning.

Users can choose to use its Word Prediction, Speech Recognition and Spoken Feedback facilities as they need them, and its toolbar will be available online or off, on any programme, wherever a young person can type.

It can support students to maximise their written potential within lessons, when producing work outside of the classroom, and is approved by the

“ The school got WordQ on our daughter’s laptop. She started saying, ‘I’m writing like a pro’ and she actually was! Why wasn’t this software provided to her years ago? After years of struggling to write and being left out she was putting her words down and doing well. It came just in time for her GCSE exams and she passed, which we didn’t think would happen. So yes we like this software. ”

Lyse, Mother.

JCQ for use in exams - saving time and money on the cost of scribes.

Parents and carers can see their young person benefit from growing confidence, independence and self esteem as they are finally able to produce work that reflects their understanding.

Learners will finally be able express themselves effectively and produce work that demonstrates their ability.

LGFL is delighted to offer Word Q Speak Q to all LGFL and TrustNET schools. www.wordqspeakq.lgfl.net



Axis Education's *Employability* Resource



LGfL is delighted to announce the launch of *The Employability* programme, a multimedia tool designed to develop employability skills and to support literacy and numeracy for secondary schools with differentiated back up resources to support students with a variety of abilities. This content has been particularly successful for pupils with low literacy and cognitive ability as well as with EAL learners, and those with SEN including ASD, SpLD, MLD, SLCD and SEMH.

The package covers the following aspects of the curriculum:

English KS3/4 – tasks address aspects of subject content for Reading, Writing, Grammar and Vocabulary and Spoken English.

PSHE KS3/4 – tasks address aspects of Core Themes 2 (Relationships) and 3 (Living in the wider world: economic wellbeing, careers and the world of work) from the PSHE Association's Programme of study.

Maths KS3/4 – tasks address aspects of Working Mathematically (develop fluency, reason mathematically and solve problems; as well as Subject content for: number and geometry and measures). About 10% of the activities support maths skills.

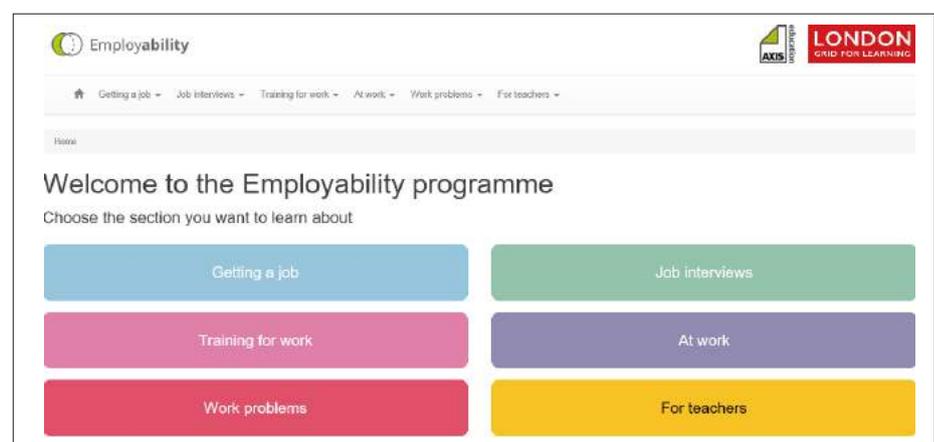
This resource includes 5 distinct

sections to choose from, each with submenus of rich content. It is multisensory, and includes audio and video based content and activities. Content is differentiated and there are A and B versions of each worksheet. A dedicated Teacher Section contains teaching notes and answers, curriculum mapping and a bank of additional literacy and numeracy activities as downloadable pdfs.

At trial schools, it was found that using video and audio clips of real people made work experience preparation a concrete concept for students with lower literacy and cognitive levels. Cerie Palmer, Head of Sixth Form at *Slated Row School* fed back that these resources have not only

become an integral part of the school's work preparation programme for these pupils but that the additional outcomes of improved literacy and numeracy skills have been a hugely welcome benefit. Schools have used these resources for successful preparation for work placements to both enhance the success of work experience placements and to support entry level employability qualifications. As the activities are also adept at engaging students struggling to improve basic literacy skill, schools have reported that the combination of rich media with realistic activities, has directly raised standards.

Go to www.employability.lgfl.net to find out more.



SEN Assist



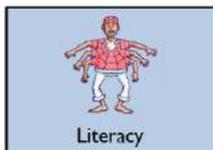
SEN Assist's Early Shakespeare software is now available on LGfL to support pupils of different ages and abilities. This multisensory and appealing software is suitable for learners with a wide range of learning needs, although it is underpinned by the specialist principles behind TEACH and PECs developed for pupils with Autistic

Spectrum Conditions, to ensure that pupils are engaged and know how they are progressing. Four ability levels allow teachers to include EVERY child in The Literacy Hour!

Early Shakespeare includes two plays, Romeo and Juliet and A Midsummer Night's Dream. Children will hear the speeches as Shakespeare intended: performed by professional actors. The stories, the characters and the language of Shakespeare will always be familiar, even though they are told using the first 100 high frequency words.

These versions can be used to provide summaries of the plays for all learners of any age, and not just those with SEN. Differentiated activities on the sequencing of the play and the characters ensure that they are able to demonstrate their understanding.

www.earlyshakespeare.lgfl.net



Literacy



Maths



Science



PSHE

UPCOMING SEND RESOURCES

■ LGfL is pleased to announce the commencement of a partnership with Widgit Education. Work has commenced to make their database of visual and accessible symbols and worksheets available.

■ Nick Wonham from The Bridge School is sharing his excellent inclusive stories created for pupils with SEND with LGfL schools. These will be available on LGfL in early 2017.

■ LGfL is working with Young Minds to publish some Resilience and Mental Health Awareness resources on LGfL in Spring 2017.

SEND TRAINING AND AWARENESS SESSIONS

Nearly 250 staff have attended LGfL SEND awareness sessions or training sessions since May including staff who attended *SEND Goes Digital! Inspirational Primary Teaching For All* in early October. 100% of attendees rated the course as interesting or more, with the majority rating it as highly interesting. Evaluation comments are included below:

“ I am now more familiar with the content of the SEND resources on LGfL and am looking forward to including these resources in my practice. I feel they will support and engage children and facilitate greater independence. ”

“ As an SEN school, I feel that all members of staff will benefit from this training. There are lots of resources that are suitable for the pupils at our school. ”