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Two-day course for all teachers of History and Geography

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The Geographical Association (GA) with SSAT is offering professional development in critical thinking and problem solving, through the new British Council Connecting Classrooms programme. This 'Teaching the core skills' training package gives teachers of geography and history the knowledge and approaches they need to effectively integrate the teaching of core skills in their classrooms.

Critical thinking and problem solving have been identified as the key skills which support pupils' learning, raise attainment and strengthen their development as informed and thoughtful future citizens. In relation to the delivery of the National Curriculum, GCSE and A level courses the development of critical enquiry and analysis skills and deepening awareness and understanding around contemporary issues are crucial in accelerating progress and attaining at the highest level within both subject areas.

This training is part of the British Council's new worldwide Connecting Classrooms programme. Each session will be led by David Wylde, from the Geography Association and SSAT, and will enable you to:

- develop strategies for critical thinking and problem solving
- develop and apply practice with a network of like-minded teachers
- enhance your curriculum to help prepare your pupils for 21st Century learning, citizenship and employment
- use your learning to strengthen international links at your school.







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The training consists of two face-to-face day workshops, focused on developing new teaching and learning approaches to critical thinking, applying this in classrooms, then sharing practice within the group and the wider subject community.

<u>The training is FREE</u>. Participants must however commit to attending both days.

Post training there will be the prospect of investigating further funding opportunities through the British Council with regards to the Connecting Classrooms project, should participant schools choose to pursue them.

Places are limited, but schools may send two members of staff.

If you would like to apply for a place/ places, please contact <a href="mailto:nwatson@loretogrammar.co.uk">nwatson@loretogrammar.co.uk</a> to secure your booking.

We look forward to working with you in the near future