

Humanities Teachers Meeting

Focus on Literacy

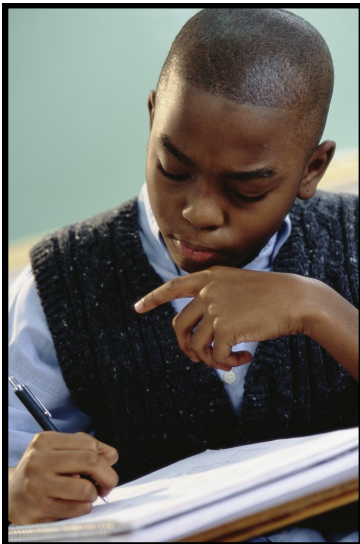
Monday 23rd April, 4.00 – 5.30

The Holt School, Holt Lane, Wokingham, RG411EE



A Workshop for Geography, History and RE Teachers

Martyn Pendergast will be providing three literacy sessions for Humanities teachers. The session at the Holt School on 23rd April is open to all teachers of RE, History and Geography and will focus on generic skills. This will be followed by a session for Geography teachers on 14th May and History teachers on 21st of May, which will tackle reading and/or writing in those individual subjects.



Martyn qualified as a teacher in 1977 and after that worked as a classroom teacher and head of department until he became a consultant for EAL in 2001. In 2005, he became a Regional Adviser with the National Strategies and co-authored the Secondary EAL CPD modules and guidance as well as making a significant contribution to the New Arrivals Excellence Programme.

Since April 2011, he has worked as a freelance consultant specialising in literacy development, Ethnic Minority Achievement and EAL. He is currently working as strategic lead for EMA and project lead for speech, language and communication in Brent.

Session One:

'Why can't they show it in writing?'

- What language is appropriate?
- How can we encourage purposeful talk in the classroom?
- Modelling formal language
- Next steps

The aim of the sessions :

To develop teachers' understanding of the role of language and literacy in their subject, the language demands of tasks, and strategies to explicitly teach and support students with the literacy skills required. These strategies will be very supportive of EAL students.