



## **THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 2020, CRANLEIGH SCHOOL**

How best to develop the capacity of students for independent learning is a challenge faced by many schools. Whilst the aspiration of equipping students to think for themselves is widely shared, turning this vision into reality in the face of ongoing pressure to reduce real education to a routine of spoon-feeding and teaching to the test is a genuine challenge.

Dr John Taylor, who will lead the training day, has been at the forefront of the development of independent learning in schools, with extensive experience as a teacher trainer both in the UK and internationally. John co-directed the development of the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) prototype *Perspectives on Science* course. He was involved in the development and implementation of the EPQ from its inception and has many years' experience in supporting schools and colleges looking to promote student independence and embrace project work. He has recently written a guidebook for teachers looking to develop 'Independent Learning' as part of the Bloomsbury 'Teach Yourself: Train Others' CPD Library.

The course is designed to support teachers in primary and secondary schools, as well as school leaders and curriculum managers who would like to think strategically about the implementation of independent learning in their schools. Questions that will be explored include:

- What do we mean by 'independent learning'?
- How do we move from being solely providers of information to being facilitators of research?
- How can we stimulate students to think for themselves?
- How can classroom discussion be managed so as to facilitate genuine learning?
- How can project work be used to support school-wide independent learning?
- What staff CPD is needed in the move towards greater independence?
- What is the role of IT in supporting independent learning?
- How can we cultivate independent learning in all aspects of school life?

The course will run at Cranleigh School from 9:45 to 15:15 on Thursday 19th March 2020.

The fee per delegate is £250 + VAT @ 20% = £300

Tickets can be purchased using one of the following methods:

- 1 On-line via: [www.cranleigh.org/our-school/academics/resources/cranleigh-training/developing-school-wide-approach-independent-learning](http://www.cranleigh.org/our-school/academics/resources/cranleigh-training/developing-school-wide-approach-independent-learning)
- 2 Using the attached Booking Form

Please direct any queries to: [conferences@cranleigh.org](mailto:conferences@cranleigh.org) or 01483 542086

Please note that this course is managed entirely by Cranleigh School; it is not an awarding body training event and no awarding body is responsible for its content.



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**PROGRAMME**

- 09:45 Registration including tea and coffee
- 10:15 Welcome, overview of the course and aims of the day
- 10:30 A philosophical approach to independent learning
- Foundations of independent learning
  - Starting points for independence
  - Introducing research skills
  - Teaching skills in reason and argument
  - Managing classroom conversation
- 11:30 Coffee
- 11:40 The power of project work
- Teaching for independence
  - Project work alongside GCSE and A levels: staffing and timetabling
  - Tips and pitfalls for project mentors
  - Using ICT to support independent learning
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Independent Learning across the whole curriculum
- Shaping a vision for independent learning
  - School-wide development planning
  - Staff professional development
  - Independent learning audit
  - Challenges and opportunities
- 15:00 Plenary Discussion
- 15:15 Close

Course Leader: Dr John Taylor, Assistant Head  
(Director of Learning, Teaching & Innovation, Cranleigh School)

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**BOOKING FORM**

Attendees:

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Establishment Name and Contact Address:

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Special Dietary Requirements:

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- 2 BACS using the following bank details:  
**Account No:** 53458099 **Sort code:** 40-51-62 **Account Name:** Cranleigh Enterprises Ltd; or
- 3 By cheque payable to 'Cranleigh Enterprises Ltd' and sent to:  
Conference Team, Enterprise Office, Cranleigh School, Horseshoe Lane, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 8QQ

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