

Webinar Title	Working Memory and Pupil Performance <i>In Association with Rising Stars</i>
Webinar Date	Tuesday 20 October 2015
Webinar Time	13.00 (UK time)
Target Audience	Primary Head Teachers, Deputy Head Teachers, Special Needs Co-ordinators and class teachers.
Learning Outcomes	<p>Participants will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand what working memory is. • Understand why it is important to classroom learning. • Be aware of how to recognise poor working memory in pupils. • Develop strategies and interventions to mitigate the effect of poor working memory and to improve working memory.
Webinar Description	<p>In this webinar Dr Richard Skelton will explore the concept of working memory in the context of cognitive development and children's learning. He will look at why working memory is important in classroom learning and what can be done to improve it. Typical characteristics of children with poor working memory will be discussed, and advice on how to recognise failures of working memory in children. Richard will present research findings that suggest that working memory can be improved and that improvement can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase children's capacity to learn across all subjects. • Improve results in maths and English. • Improve behaviour and attention span. • Improve speaking and listening skills. <p>The webinar will be broken down into the following sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What working memory is. • Why it is important to classroom learning. • How to recognise poor working memory in pupils. • Strategies and interventions to mitigate the effect of poor working memory and to improve working memory

**Presenter
Details**

Dr Richard Skelton completed his doctorate in Educational and Child Psychology at the University of Manchester. His particular interest and specialism is neuropsychology. He has been a Psychologist at Salford City Council and was one of the leads on understanding schools' provision and knowledge of emotional health and wellbeing as part of the council's Emotional Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Children and Young People in Salford.