

vPlus FAMILY FESTIVAL PROGRAMME October 2020

22-26 OCTOBER 2020

All session duration: 1 hour + Q&A

Time	Age Guidance	Thursday 22	Friday 23	Saturday 24	Sunday 25	Monday 26
0930	5-8					
1130	8-11		Paul Cookson: poetry		Got-a-Head?: A Magic Roundabout	
1400	11-14		Paul Pickford: The Ultimate Monster Design		Jake Scott: Political Theory	Susannah White: Inspiring Originality
1600	Parent			Joe Seddon: Why now is the time to start thinking about university		
1800	Family Activity	Julie Taplin: CEO Welcome at 17.45 Bobby Seagull: Potential Plus UK Ambassador – How to be successful?		Family Quiz Night with Bobby Seagull	Gregor Forrest: Mobile Photography: How to create stunning images	Jeff Forshaw Potential Plus UK Ambassador – Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity Julie Taplin CEO Goodbye and Thanks
2000	Parent	Aileen Hoare: How to Grow a Real Mathematician			Got-a-head?: Think Better, Do Better, Feel Better!	

As details are confirmed, the session will then appear on the timetable above and details of the content will be added below.

Thursday 22

1800	Family	Bobby Seagull	How to be successful	Bobby will show you how your mindset can help unlock your potential. He'll also share how he prepares his mind to take on puzzles and quizzes
2000	Parent	Aileen Hoare	How to Grow a Real Mathematician (best planted as early as possible)	Is your child a human calculator or a mathematician? This workshop will look at what it actually means to be a <i>real</i> mathematician; the skills and attributes a child needs and how we as parents can help to foster and encourage their development.

Friday 23

0930	5-8			
1130	8-11	Paul Cookson		
1400	11-14	Paul Pickford	The Ultimate Monster Design	Challenge and sharpen your art skills in this fun art session. Using classic monster designs as inspiration you will be working with award winning illustrator Paul Pickford to design a monstrous new creation. We'll be looking at progressing drawing skills through 1D to 3D, pencil skills such as how to use light and shade and also rendering using colour and markers to add some professional touches to your artwork.
1600	Parent			
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Saturday 24

0930	5-8			
1130	8-11			
1400	11-14			
1600	Parent	Joe Seddon	Why now is the time to start thinking about university	The best universities deserve the brightest minds - but things don't always end up that way. This talk will introduce students and parents to the process of applying to highly-selective universities. Myths will be busted and assumptions will be challenged. It will soon become apparent what really counts, and not always the things you might expect.
1800	Family	Bobby Seagull	Bobby's Family Quiz Night	As a Celebrity Mastermind champion and University Challenge captain, Bobby loves quizzes! This quiz will test your knowledge of school subjects and popular culture.
2000	Parent			

Sunday 25

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1130	8-11	Got-a-Head?	A Magic Roundabout	<p>Want to Monkey (Bar) around designing something magic as you add a bit of Zip (Wire) to your imagination. Join us for a-Maze-ing creativity as you Swing between Deep-Sea Slides and a Wild West Chute-Out. Blast off your brain to go Roundabout a whirlpool or a black hole.</p> <p>We will be showing you how to use the QWERTY® staged thinking technique to design a fabulous themed playground. You will be devising your own playground as we go along, which you can then draw or build (in the form of a 3D model) afterwards.</p> <p>Health warning: This could seriously improve your thinking skills!</p>
1400	11-14	Jake Scott		
1600	Parent			
1800	Family		Mobile Photography: How to create stunning images	<p>Music and lifestyle photographer Gregor Forrest leads a beginners guide on how to take great photographs with only a smartphone or tablet. Covering the basics of how digital cameras work, rules of composition and mobile editing techniques, Gregor will guide participants through the process of creating their own stunning photograph they will be proud to share with friends and family. Today, smartphones and tablets contain all the tools required to create eye-catching photographs and are the best way to start experimenting with photography</p>
2000	Parent	Got-a-Head?	Think Better, Do Better, Feel Better!	<p>Our QWERTY® staged thinking technique, and associated Forget-Me-Nots, offer practical strategies to support your child in English, Maths, and a swathe of other subjects (and not just those in an educational setting!).</p> <p>In this practical session, chock-full of examples, we will show you how you can use QWERTY® and other tools to support your child's learning. We'll demonstrate ways that you can help them increase intellectual challenge, enhance their creativity, and make them more confident learners.</p>

Monday 26

0930	5-8			
1130	8-11			
1400	11-14	Susannah White	Inspiring Originality	<p>Do you ever find it difficult to get started with creative writing? Do you ever go blank when faced with an empty page or screen? There are many strategies to encourage creative and original thinking and in this session you will be introduced to three of them: inspired by words, inspired by an image and finally, inspired by sound. Get your note pads ready and prepare to be surprised at how your imagination can come to life!</p>
1600	Parent	Dennis Sherwood	How to encourage creativity in your child	<p>Many people think that 'creativity' is in general a 'good thing'. So, if that's you, and if you wish to encourage your child(ren) to be creative, this session will give you some very easy-to-use tips on how to do just that.</p> <p>And no, it isn't about getting the painting box out, or about sitting in front of a piano.</p>

				<p>It's a lot easier, and more pragmatic too...</p> <p>To participate, you can just zoom in - but you'll get even more from the session if you have a paper and pencil close by.</p> <p>The session will be led by Dennis Sherwood, one of the country's leading experts on creativity, with much experience helping to enrich the creativity of companies, schools and many universities too.</p>
1800	Family	Jeff Forshaw	Einstein's Theory of Relativity	Jeff will explore this theory using no more maths than the Pythagoras theorem.