

Communication Works South – Thursday 22nd May 2025

Seminar Programme

Charlton Athletic Football Stadium, North Stand, The Valley, Floyd Road, Charlton, London SE7 8BL

9.15am Registration Desk Open for Visitors

9.15am - 4.00pm Exhibition Hall Open

10.00 - 10.10 Main Stage – Welcome – MC Student Ambassador Khamani Edwards and Kathryn Stowell, Head of CENMAC

10.10 – 10.20 Abdi Omar, AAC Consultant and Inspirational Speaker

10.20 – 10.30 Khamani Edwards, Young Entrepreneur

SEMINAR ROOM 1

10.45 – 11.10

Seminar: Raising Aspirations with Assistive Technology - A Parent's Perspective

Facilitators: Ber Allee & Carly Adkinson, CENMAC Advisory Teachers

Panel: Lucy Fisher and Lucinda Tam, both parents of CENMAC students

About the seminar: Join us for this interesting discussion with two parents who will share how CENMAC has supported their children with assistive technology. Find out how they feel about the support that they have received, the different types of technology that have been used and how their children have responded.

SEMINAR ROOM 2

Seminar: Empowering Access: Using Head Tracking & Facial Gestures for Computer Control

Presenter: Mike Hazlewood, CEO & Co-Founder, Sensepilot and Abdi Omar, AAC Consultant

Student: Danny from Charlton Park Academy

Company: Sensepilot

About the seminar: Sensepilot is a new computer access method that enables users to control their computer using head tracking and facial gestures—all with a standard webcam. Join Mike Hazlewood, Co-Founder & CEO who will introduce the product and demonstrate how it could be a useful tool in SEND settings. AAC Consultant Abdi Omar will demonstrate the product alongside student Danny.

15 MINUTE BREAK – EXHIBITION TIME

11.25 – 11.50

Seminar: Dive in to Accessible Reading

Presenters: Mary Long, CENMAC Deputy Head & QTVI, Kim Piff, Marketing & Comms Manager, Dolphin Computer Access

Student Presenter: Jesse from Dulwich College

Company: Dolphin Computer Access

About the seminar: Mary Long, Kim Piff and student Jesse speaking about the benefits of using Dolphin EasyReader software for those with a vision impairment. Mary will speak about a recent piece of action research completed in conjunction with the University of Derby and Dolphin, and her findings.

Seminar: Working Internationally with Digital Tools to Build Relationships

Presenters: Kathryn Stowell, Head of CENMAC Ber Allee, CENMAC Advisory Teacher, Claire Burton & Molly Ford, Teachers Charlton Park Academy, Vincent Verhoeven and Stefan Hardy with their students joining us online from the Netherlands.

Schools: Lichenbeck & Prisma School in the Netherlands and Charlton Park Academy

About the seminar: CPA are participating in an exchange programme with two schools in the Netherlands using digital tools to communicate and collaborate online, building international partnerships. This partnership is also including staff training and possible future teacher exchange and student visits.

15 MINUTE BREAK – EXHIBITION TIME

12.05 – 12.30

Title: Dragon NaturallySpeaking for Dictation and Full Computer Control

Presenters: Carly Adkinson, CENMAC Advisory Teacher & Joe Fletcher-Herbert, CENMAC Specialist TA

Student Presenter: Luke from St Mary Magdalene C of E All Through Secondary School

About the seminar: In this session see how Dragon NaturallySpeaking has supported student Luke. Find out why the voice recognition software was chosen, and how it has helped Luke to better access his curriculum and subject exams.

Seminar: AAC a Universal Approach at Charlton Park Academy

Presenters: Kathryn Stowell, Head of CENMAC, Claire Hennings, Specialist TA, Abdi Omar, AAC Consultant with Teachers Amber Moore, Sarah Ball, Emma Elliott & Adam Waterman and students from Charlton Park Academy

About the seminar: CPA has been involved in a whole school trial of Proloquo Classroom over the past year. After success of using a universal approach to AAC within four trial classes the school has now provided Proloquo Classroom app across the whole academy. Hear how this has been implemented and from the students and staff about the impact this has had and some of the surprising outcomes.

12.30 – 1.30 LUNCH & EXHIBITION TIME

Legends Bar in the CAFC North Stand Exhibition Hall will be selling vegan, vegetarian & meat pies, sausage rolls, confectionary, soft drinks, tea & coffee.

12.45 to 1.00pm – Seminar Room 1

'What's new at Ace Centre- AAC Resources, Training, AT Scholars and more' with Tina Voizey, Complex Needs Consultant, Ace Centre.

About: In this session Tina will cover free resources Ace Centre offer, from symbol charts to guidance on creating an AAC policy for you school. We will also highlight professional development opportunities such as online modules from Ace Centre Learning and the AT Scholar program, a scholarship which awards professionals working in AT to go to events like ATiA the world's biggest AT conference in Orlando, Florida.

1.10 – 1.20pm Musical Performance - Mainstage

Musical performance by Charlton Park Academy Students

1.30 - 1.55	<p>Seminar: Even Pinker – 1 Year On Presenter: Maureen De Longhi, CENMAC Advisory Teacher Student Presenter: Ruth from Future Academies Pimlico About the seminar: In this session Maureen De Longhi will talk about the assistive technologies used to support student Ruth. When we met Ruth last year she had just written a book called ‘I Feel Pink Today’ and poems, to help people understand how she feels as a young person with cerebral palsy. Since then, there have been some changes to her devices and software due to changes in her academic needs, and we will also hear how Ruth is currently trying her hand as a playwright!</p>	<p>Seminar: Show me, Guide me, Watch me: Modelling AAC with users across all ages Presenters: Jenny Zentner, CENMAC Advisory Speech and Language Therapist, Claire McReynolds, SEND Lecturer, New City College – Havering & Maria Vonica, AAC Training Coordinator, Tobii Dynavox Institution: New City College – Havering About the seminar: Join us in our session where we will be discussing the benefits of modelling AAC, how to model to build language and communication, and how we can adapt our techniques to suit users across varying ages.</p>
1.55 – 2.15pm – 20 MINUTE BREAK – MAIN STAGE - RAFFLE DRAW – EXHIBITION TIME		
2.15 – 2.40	<p>Seminar name: Accessible Learning for all: Universal Design for Learning in 2025 and beyond Presenters: Bob Usher Content Manager, LGfL and Daniel Davies, Woodland Academy Trust Company: LGfL & EdTech Hubs Programme About the seminar: Offering insights, experiences and good practice from across the LGfL community and the EdTech Hubs programme, join us to learn how we are using technology to remove barriers to learning, engage and inspire all learners, and give them a voice.</p>	<p>Seminar: Choosing a Switch Development Pathway Presenters: Charlie Danger & Luke Thompson, Occupational Therapists Company: CENMAC About the seminar: Charlie and Luke share approaches to switch development pathways at home and in the classroom.</p>
15 MINUTE BREAK – EXHIBITION TIME		
2.55 – 3.20	<p>Seminar name: Empowering voices through the implementation of Grid – Clockhouse Greenland’s AAC Journey Presenters: Jenny Zentner, CENMAC Advisory Speech and Language Therapist, Faye Howlett, SEND Provision Teacher, Clockhouse School School: Clockhouse School About the seminar: Discover how Clockhouse School has developed a SEND provision that promotes autonomy through both paper-based and powered AAC tools. This session shares the school's journey in creating a communication-rich environment where every learner is supported to express their thoughts, needs and ideas. Learn about the strategies, challenges, and positive outcomes that have shaped their inclusive approach.</p>	<p>Seminar name: Beyond Sensory: New Ways Magic Room Supports Communication and Learning Presenter/s: Lee Blemings, Founder & CEO, Sensory Guru Ltd and Bryher Pennells, MBE, Teacher, Charlton Park Academy Company: Sensory Guru About the seminar: Join Sensory Guru’s Lee Blemings and Charlton Park Academy’s inspirational educator Bryher Pennells MBE (awarded for services to SEND) as they unveil the latest developments in Magic Room—an immersive platform supporting learners with complex needs. This session explores how Magic Room extends beyond sensory engagement to offer meaningful pathways for AAC, communication, and accessible learning. Featuring real examples from Charlton Park classrooms, we’ll demonstrate how sensory-rich environments promote regulation, interaction, and inclusive education. Discover how Magic Room is transforming classrooms into dynamic communication spaces—and helping schools reimagine what’s possible for every learner.</p>
10 MINUTE BREAK – EXHIBITION TIME		
3.30 – 4.00pm	<p>MAINSTAGE Session: AI Smackdown Facilitators: Charlie Danger & Luke Thompson, Occupational Therapists & Assistive Technology Specialists About the SMACKDOWN: The CENMAC team will share their favourite AI tools and this is also an opportunity for anyone at the show to come to the front and present their favourite tool to others. These slots will be 1 to 2 minutes each. AI tools will be recorded and shared via the CENMAC website after the event. Bring your device along. Exhibitors of new AI tools are also welcome.</p>	
4.00pm	<p>END</p>	

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