



# Grampian And Northern Isles Network NEWS

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## Institute of Physics in Scotland - Teacher Network

### Dear Colleague,

Welcome to another *GANIN News*. I realise it has been a while since the last edition.

Listed overleaf are a number of forthcoming meetings in the area. I hope to see many of you at least at one of them as I hope they cover a number of interesting and relevant topics. If you feel the need for some CPD on other topics please let me know.

Expectations in AH Investigations still seem to be causing a lot of us concerns, so who better than Tom Balanowski, PA for AH Physics, to shed a little light in Elgin on 14 November. Although arranged at the request of teachers in Moray I already know we will have teachers from Highland there too and anyone from Aberdeenshire would also be most welcome. Email me at [stuart.farmer@btinternet.com](mailto:stuart.farmer@btinternet.com) though to allow me to make sure we have enough catering. If the Elgin Academy homebakes are up to their usual standard it will make for a good evening. Thanks are due to Pete Kelly for his help hosting the meeting. There will probably be the opportunity to continue discussion over a bar supper after the meeting too.

Later in the month and at the other end of my area we will have John Sharkey keeping us up-to-date with his latest Flash Learning products as well as developments taking place at SQA.

Also before Christmas will be an evening on Assessment for Learning with inputs from Steuart Cuthbert and from the team at Counting Thoughts

Ltd who have been developing assessment packages as well as their SURE Higher Physics software.

The Grampian Section of ASE are also holding an Astronomy meeting with input from Bill Leslie, formerly of Elgin High School, and who is a keen amateur astronomer and has been active in running astronomy clubs.

You can keep up-to-date with the latest in Scottish Physics Education through the SPUTNIK email group. You can also get access to lots of resources shared by other Scottish Physics Teachers through the SPUTNIK website. Email me if you want to join.

The IoP has also been developing other web resources. Take a look at:

[www.practicalphysics.org](http://www.practicalphysics.org)

Details of over 400 physics experiments.

[www.tap.iop.org](http://www.tap.iop.org)

Lots of ideas and resources for teaching Higher and Advanced Higher Physics.

[www.teachingmedicalphysics.org.uk](http://www.teachingmedicalphysics.org.uk)

Resources for teaching medical physics.

[www.stimulatingphysics.org](http://www.stimulatingphysics.org)

Stimulating more people to study physics.

In addition the IoP's Supporting Physics Teaching 11-14 CD resources have now been published and I am happy to work with any secondary school and its associated primary schools to support physics teaching at this vital early stage.

Stuart Farmer, Teacher Network Co-ordinator

IoP Grampian and Northern Isles Network Meeting

## AH Physics Investigations

Tom Balanowski, SQA Principal Assessor for AH Physics

17:00-18:30, Tuesday, 14 November 2006

Elgin Academy

(refreshments and chat from 16:30)

Email [stuart.farmer@btinternet.com](mailto:stuart.farmer@btinternet.com) if you intend to attend.

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## New Flash Learning Resources and SQA National Qualifications Review

John Sharkey

19:00-20:30, Thursday, 30 November 2006

Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen

Email [stuart.farmer@btinternet.com](mailto:stuart.farmer@btinternet.com) if you intend to attend.

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### Assessment for Learning

Counting Thoughts Ltd

and

Steuart Cuthbert, ASE Scotland Field Officer

An opportunity to investigate and discuss various formative assessment techniques.

16:30-18:30, Wednesday, 13 December 2006

Elgin Academy

Email [stuart.farmer@btinternet.com](mailto:stuart.farmer@btinternet.com) if you intend to attend.

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### Promoting Science through Careers Scotland's Space School

Derek Thomson, Bankhead Academy

Derek will talk about his experiences escorting Scottish pupil to the Space School in Houston in the autumn of 2006.

19:00-20:30, Thursday, 25 January 2007

Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen

Email [stuart.farmer@btinternet.com](mailto:stuart.farmer@btinternet.com) if you intend to attend.

### Dates for your diary:

#### Institute of Physics Stirling Meeting

University of Stirling

Wednesday, 6 June 2007

#### ASE Scotland Annual Conference 2007

Crieff Hydro Hotel

9-10 March 2007

[www.asescotland.org.uk](http://www.asescotland.org.uk)

#### ASE Grampian Section

#### Astronomy Night

Bill Leslie

Robert Gordon's College  
19:30, Thurs. 7 Dec. 2007