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FESTIVAL OF COMPUTING

2026
PRESS PACK

WHEN
Wednesday 1 July 2026

WHERE
Bromsgrove School, B61 7DU

LINKS
Official hashtag: #FestivalOfComputing2026
Website: craigndave.org/conference/
Last year's event video: youtu.be/S-Wrx_1-Jvo

TICKETS
Tickets: craigndave.org/product/festival-of-computing-ticket/
*(on sale at the start of Feb)

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OVERVIEW

This press pack has been created for sponsors of the Craig'n'Dave Festival of Computing 2026 to support your own marketing, PR and communications.

It includes:
- An official event overview
- Key event facts and highlights
- Speaker and CPD session summaries
- Sponsor acknowledgements
- Ready-to-use social media copy
- Official Craig'n'Dave social tags

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ABOUT THE FESTIVAL OF COMPUTING
The Ultimate Secondary Computing Education Event of 2026

The Craig'n'Dave Festival of Computing returns on Wednesday 1 July 2026 for another inspiring day of high-quality CPD, networking and community.

Building on the huge success of the Festival of Computing 2025, the 2026 event brings together secondary computing teachers, industry experts, exam boards and education organisations for a full day of learning, collaboration and conversation.

With a packed programme of CPD sessions, keynote talks, a buzzing exhibitor marketplace and dedicated social events, the Festival of Computing is the must-attend event for anyone involved in secondary computing education.

The location: Bromsgrove School

We're thrilled to be hosting the Festival of Computing at the prestigious Bromsgrove School.

Bromsgrove School, with its 500-year history, is one of Britain's leading boarding and day schools. Set over 100 acres of stunning grounds, it offers world-class facilities and a first-rate academic environment, making it the perfect setting for a day of innovation and inspiration.

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2026

We listened carefully to feedback from 2025 and have refined the festival experience to deliver even more of what teachers value:

- All the best elements from 2025 return, including high-quality CPD, the pre-event social, the Marketplace marquee and the Fringe event

- Improved refreshment provision, including more coffee, decaf options and water throughout the day

- On-site accommodation at Bromsgrove School's Housman Hall, now with expanded capacity following its popularity in 2025. *More info and booking links to follow.

- Even more opportunities to network, connect and unwind with fellow educators and sponsors

KEY EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Keynote Speakers

Paul Curzon – Professor of Computer Science, Queen Mary University of London

Opening Keynote: "Making Learning Computer Science"

Paul Curzon opens the festival with a keynote focused on how we make computer science meaningful, engaging and accessible for learners. Alongside his academic work, Paul is a key contributor to CS4FN, Queen Mary University of London's free computer science magazine.

Craig'n'Dave Keynote – An Update from CnD

Craig Sargent and David Hillyard share updates on Craig'n'Dave's work over the past year and outline what's coming next, including developments across:

- The Resource Centre
- The Craig'n'Dave YouTube channel
- Smart Revise
- Time2Code

AQA Keynote – Details to be announced

CPD PROGRAMME

The Festival of Computing 2026 features a wide-ranging CPD programme across three sessions, designed to support teachers at KS3, GCSE and A level.

Topics include:

- Curriculum design in a changing GCSE landscape
- Programming pedagogy and assessment
- AI in education – practical, ethical and classroom-ready
- Physical computing and creative approaches
- Leadership, inspection frameworks and department development

Sessions are delivered by a mix of classroom practitioners, awarding organisations, universities, charities and education technology providers.

The full list and itinerary can be found here - **craigndave.org/cpd-sessions/**

MARKETPLACE, FRINGE & SOCIAL EVENTS

VEX Robotics Pre-Event Social
*Separate ticketed event

Tuesday 30th June 19:00 - Housman Hall Dining Room, Bromsgrove School.

Held the evening before the festival, the VEX Robotics pre-event curry supper offers attendees a relaxed opportunity to meet, eat and connect in the stunning grounds of Bromsgrove School.

Tickets available here

The AQA Marketplace

The Marketplace is the heart of the festival, providing space to meet sponsors, exhibitors and speakers during breaks, lunch and networking sessions.

Cambridge OCR Fringe Event & Post-Festival Social

Cambridge OCR hosts the afternoon Fringe event and post-festival drinks, rounding off the day with informal discussion and celebration.

PRIZE DRAW

The Festival of Computing concludes with a prize draw at approximately 16:30 in the marquee. Attendees must be present to claim prizes.

Confirmed prizes include:

Craig'n'Dave Merchandise Bundle
(supplied by Craig'n'Dave Ltd)

- Teddy bear
- Mouse mat
- Set of coasters
- Mug

Smart Revise Vouchers
(supplied by Craig'n'Dave Ltd)

- Free Smart Revise access for one full cohort (Year 10, 11, 12 or 13)
- Valid until the cohort's final exam

And many more prizes to be announced.

OFFICIAL SOCIAL MEDIA TAGS

Craig'n'Dave

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X: @craigndave1

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YouTube: @craigndave

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Other Hashtags:
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Suggested Social Media Copy (Editable)

Short social post

The Craig'n'Dave Festival of Computing returns on 1st July 2026 at Bromsgrove School – a full day of CPD, inspiration and community for secondary computing teachers. We hope to see you there!

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Long social post

We're proud to support the Craig'n'Dave Festival of Computing 2026 – the ultimate CPD and networking event for secondary computing educators. Taking place on Wednesday 1st July at Bromsgrove School, the festival brings together teachers, industry experts and education organisations for a day of inspiration, collaboration and practical classroom ideas.

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CONTACT

For press, media or marketing enquiries related to the Festival of Computing 2026, please contact the Craig'n'Dave team.

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Headline Sponsor – AQA

AQA is an independent education charity that develops, sets and marks over half of all GCSE and A-level exam papers in the UK. Income is reinvested into research, innovation and programmes that enhance teaching and learning.

AQA Computer Science qualifications are designed by teachers, for teachers, supporting clarity, confidence and real-world relevance from GCSE through to A level.

Main Sponsor – Cambridge OCR

Cambridge OCR is committed to making assessment straightforward so every student can thrive. Through expert support, trusted qualifications and high-quality resources, OCR works closely with teachers to deliver accessible and fair assessment.

Main Sponsor – VEX Robotics

VEX Robotics provides a comprehensive ecosystem of educational robotics products, curricula and competitions that support hands-on STEM learning and inspire students to design, build and code.

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