

Worcestershire Virtual School News

Issue 9

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Summer Term

As we embark on the final term of an academic year that has been full of change and a 'new normal', the Virtual School would like to thank you all for your continued support. The Progress & Attainment data that is so crucial to our planning has been diligently updated by most schools, enabling us to ensure we are offering timely and effective interventions and support.

Virtual School Conference Resources

It was fantastic to 'see' so many of you at the Virtual School Conference. We are sure you'll agree that all our speakers were thoroughly engaging, and we hope you felt as inspired as we did. The links to the afternoon sessions are in the embedded links below (these were sent out with your conference invite in the main body of the message). We are currently seeking permission to upload the morning sessions on the WCF YouTube site. We will confirm this by email.

[Self-harm: Dr Kate Mason and Dr Ann Laight from Root Psychology Group Managing and responding to anger in schools: Anna Carter from The Family Place Anxiety and Emotionally based School avoidance - Holly Brighton](#)

Access to the resources mentioned in Stuart Guest's talk can be found here:

<https://educationandadoption.wordpress.com/>

Resources tab/Attachment and trauma training/

The password is lowercase: school18

Then click on access ONEDRIVE

Virtual School Engagement Event

Thursday 20 May 2021 3.45pm- 5.00pm – via Microsoft Teams

In the spirit of working in partnership and because we know that it achieves better outcomes, the VS is organising an engagement event. We want our schools and social workers to feel that they are more invested in what the VS are trying to achieve.

Help us shape our School Improvement Plan for 2021-22 by working collaboratively with us. We will reflect what is going well, identify key aspects for development and listen to your feedback about what your /our children / young people need and want.

Everyone is welcome to attend

Invites will be sent to all DTs via email

CLA Awards Nominations

Now that we have begun the final term of what has been an interesting and challenging academic year, the Virtual School would like to celebrate the achievements of all our Children Looked After. We have had to be adaptable in our approach to how we do this, and early exploration of separate, area based socially distanced events proved too fraught with pitfalls to pursue. So, this year we are asking you to complete a nomination form, which you should have received, for each of your Worcestershire CLA; any achievement can and should be recognised and doesn't necessarily have to relate to academic attainment. We would love to hear about children/young people who have risen to the challenge of remote learning, those who have shown great resilience during a difficult year and those children/young people who have made personal progress, either with their learning or social and emotional wellbeing.

Personalised certificates, along with gift vouchers will then be delivered directly to your school in the final week of term, for you to then distribute to your CLA. Year 11 students will receive their certificates directly to their home.

Deadline for completion and return of the nomination form is **Friday, 14 May** and all responses should be sent to virtualschool@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk.

We are very much looking forward to receiving your nominations and celebrating all our children/young people's achievements, no matter how small.

We are here to support you and our children looked after/previously looked after. Please call or email, using the details below or visit our website.

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