

Dear Colleagues,

HOPE Headlines – 2020/21 Term 6

As we reach the end of the school year, we would like to say a huge thank you to all our partners for your work in supporting the education of children in care.



As has often been said; this has been an unprecedented time, with unprecedented challenges – we appreciate everything you have done to work in partnership with us and continue to drive improvements for our children.

Best wishes,
The HOPE Team

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[The HOPE has information and guidance online](#)

1. Year 6, GCSE and A Level Results:

Year 6 teacher assessed outcomes – schools please enter onto the Establishment Portal in July
GCSE results day: 12th August 2021
A Level results day: 10th August 2021

If a young person you support needs advice regarding their GCSE results; please speak with their school or setting in the first instance. Lots of useful information can also be found in the Bristol [Post 16 directory](#) or by visiting www.P16P.co.uk

HOPE advocate Penny Russell will return to work on 26th August (before term starts) to provide additional support. Penny can be contacted on penny.russell@bristol.gov.uk or 0117 903 6282.

The HOPE will collect GCSE results via Welfare Call (for schools outside Bristol) and via e-mail in September (details to follow).

2. HOPE staff updates:

As many of you may know, our Deputy Head Sue Cox is retiring at the end of this term. Sue's work in Bristol over more than 30 years, including with both ECLAS and The HOPE, has made an immeasurable difference to the lives and education of Bristol's children in care. We wish Sue all the very best for a wonderful retirement and will continue to build on her legacy.

James Gregory has been appointed to the post of Assistant Headteacher (fixed term) at The HOPE. James will start with us in September and will take a strategic lead on Post-16. We very much look forward to welcoming James to the team.

We are delighted to confirm that both Rene Katiisa and Ian Hutton have been appointed to HOPE advocate roles on a permanent basis.

3. NEW - Bristol City Council Professional Portal

As recently shared in the Headteacher's Briefing by Alison Hurley, Bristol City Council is launching a new Professional Portal in September 2021. This will include the ability to securely upload and share documents and is in addition to the Establishment Portal currently used for data sharing.

Two aspects will benefit The HOPE in particular – the ability for schools to upload Personal Education Plans (ePEPs) and Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaires (SDQs) without the need for secure e-mails or attachments.

The ePEP part of the system will be piloted from September 2021 with selected Bristol schools. You will know if you are one of these schools – thank you for agreeing to take part. Further roll out is planned for January 2022. In the meantime, please register on the Professional Portal but **continue to send your PEPs to thehope@bristol.gov.uk**

4. Pupil Premium for Previously Looked After Children (PLAC)

Please remember that this year, Pupil Premium for Previously Looked After Children will be allocated to schools by the DfE based on the October (rather than the January) school census. Schools need to ensure they know who these children are and that they have the right information. Schools may need to request supporting evidence earlier from parents/carers.