

Dear Colleagues,

## **HOPE Headlines – 2021/22 Term 1**

Welcome to new readers and welcome back to all those who continue to work in partnership with us to support Bristol's children in care at all educational stages, from Early Years to University.



Each term we use the HOPE Headlines to share key updates and reminders with you to support our work together.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say well done to all those young people who received GCSE, A Level and other qualification results over the summer. After such a challenging two years, you are to be congratulated on your success. Our thanks once again to the foster carers, social workers, teachers and school leaders whose support made this possible.

We look forward to working with you all this academic year.

Best wishes,  
The HOPE Team

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

### **1. NEW for 2021/22 – Designated Teacher Cluster Meetings:**

Online sessions running 8.30am to 10am on 'Teams':

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November - North and East Central Primary and SEN DT meeting

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November- South Primary and SEN DT meeting

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November- South Secondary and SEN DT meeting

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November- North and East Central Secondary and SEN DT meeting

An opportunity to share updates around Children in Care, receive support to meet Pupil Premium compliance criteria, ask questions and meet other Designated Teachers. Open to all schools, including those in other authorities with a Bristol child/ren in care on roll – please choose the session which suits you best.

Booking information is on our website: [How to support children in care - Hope Virtual School - bristol.gov.uk](#)

### **2. HOPE staff updates:**

As many of you may know, Jackie Scarman is retiring from The HOPE at the end of September. Jackie has been the first point of contact for many of you over the last 16 years and we will all miss her expertise and support hugely. The work of our Business Support team underpins everything we do at The HOPE and Jackie has also had a very special role in sending out many thousands of Letterbox book parcels to our children over the years. We wish Jackie all the very best for a wonderful retirement.

Katherine Juniper will be on maternity leave from October Half Term. Leanne Bishop will be covering the Senior Advocate role and Hattie Billsberry will be covering the Inclusion and Participation role.

### **3. Social Worker Training:**

ASYE Training – 11<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November. Please e-mail [Donald.gloag@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:Donald.gloag@bristol.gov.uk) to book.

### **4. Designated Teacher Training:**

Training for those new to the role of Designated Teacher – 7<sup>th</sup> October  
Primary Designated Teacher Training (Attachment & Trauma) – 4<sup>th</sup> November  
Early Years Briefing - 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Please visit our website: [Training - Hope Virtual School - bristol.gov.uk](http://Training - Hope Virtual School - bristol.gov.uk) for details of timings, venues and how to book.

### **5. Previously Looked After Children (P-LAC)**

**REMINDER:** 4<sup>th</sup> October deadline - 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.

Training for the Designated Teacher for P-LAC – 21<sup>st</sup> October and 25<sup>th</sup> November  
Training for the Named Governor for P-LAC – 9<sup>th</sup> November

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There is an opportunity for Bristol Secondary Schools to review and develop their offer for previously looked after children with support from The HOPE. If you would like to arrange a one-hour session, please e-mail [Shelina.jerram@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:Shelina.jerram@bristol.gov.uk)

### **6. The Mary Palmer Poetry Competition 2021**

We invite entries to this year's competition with the theme 'Outdoors'. Please see flyer attached to this e-mail for further details and link to our Virtual Poetry Workshop! Entries by post or to [thehope@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:thehope@bristol.gov.uk). Closing date - 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021.