

Dear Colleagues,

HOPE Headlines – 2021/22 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.



It has been another year of successes and challenges with Covid remaining throughout our community and the young people settling back into their new normal way of working. As we look forward to the summer break, we hope that you get some time to relax and recoup ready for an exciting new academic year ahead.

Best wishes,
The HOPE Team

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

Early Years Outcomes:

Please can DT's email the Early Years end of Key stage outcomes (ELG) to Anne.Mortimore@bristol.gov.uk by the end of term at the latest.

Phonics check and Key Stage 1 teacher assessments:

Please ensure you have added these assessments to the portal.

Year 6, Year 11 and Post 16 outcomes:

GCSE results day: 25th August 2022

A Level results day: 18th August 2022

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 2022 \(bristol.gov.uk\)](#) or by visiting www.P16P.co.uk

HOPE advocate Penny Russell will return to work on 25th August (before term starts) to provide additional support. Penny can be contacted on penny.russell@bristol.gov.uk or 0117 903 6282.

We will be sending a data collection form for you to send year 6 and GCSE results and post 16 outcomes to us via email in September.

Year 11 Destinations:

The HOPE will be contacting Designated Teachers in September for an update on the confirmed enrolled destinations for Year 11s as they move into Post16 education. PEPs and safeguarding files will require transfer by the Designated Teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead to the new Post 16 setting. Current schools will be required to make proactive contact with intended destinations to

confirm enrolment and transfer relevant files. The HOPE will request confirmed enrolment information in the third week of the new academic year.

HOPE staff updates:

As many of you may know, our Deputy Head Nick Lawrence is retiring at the end of this term. Nick has worked in Bristol throughout his career in secondary education and has made an immeasurable difference to the lives and education of Bristol's children. He has been a fantastic leader in the HOPE over the last 4 years and has worked tirelessly to ensure we are improving the outcomes for our children in care. We wish Nick all the very best for a wonderful retirement.

Zoe Heywood will be taking the role of Interim Virtual School Head in Term's 1 and 2 to lead the HOPE. Zoe comes to us with a wealth of experience as a Virtual School Head and we very much look forward to welcoming Zoe to the team. We are also pleased to tell you that James Gregory will be continuing in his role as Assistant Head during the next academic year.

Compliance

The compliance deadline for the round 1 payment for the financial year 22/23 was on 4th July. For all schools that were compliant, payments will be made by the end of July. Please ensure you are linking with your business/financial managers to ensure that this money is being directed correctly.

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 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.

Training offer for the next academic year:

The HOPE will continue to offer training for the next academic year for school staff, Governors, Social Workers and Carers:

School staff: Please see our website for updated information and how to book onto these courses. These will include Designated teacher training, previously looked after children training and practical ways to support children who have experienced trauma.

Governors: Can be booked through Governors Services.

Social Care: Available to be booked through I trent and CYPS workforce development

Carers: A training offer is available- please speak to your supervising social worker for more information (Bristol City Council carers) or ask your IFA to contact theHOPE@bristol.gov.uk

If you require anything specific to your school or setting, please contact the advocate assigned to your young person and this can be discussed.

Extended Duties

The extension of duties for the Virtual School Head, to include promoting the education of all children with a Social Worker, has been approached as a children's services wide piece of work lead by the Virtual School Head.

In order to ensure the work has longevity and to promote a real change in practice and culture (alongside avoiding duplication), a review of the current practices and processes in place across the City, in relation to education and children with a social worker, has been taking place. Bristol has a large number of exciting and developing initiatives and, along with the recent launch of Bristol's Belonging Strategy, it's clear we have a good starting point to further grow, develop and embed the key approaches and actions that will deliver positive change for our children and young people.

The action planning will be finalised next term, to ensure it aligns with the new national guidance documents related to attendance. We are also waiting for clarity on future funding and DfE expectations in relation to the long term arrangements for the widening duties, so will need to ensure any action plan is deliverable.

We will of course keep you updated and be in touch early in the Autumn Term with any further information