



Well here we are for another autumn term and we hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break. We have had a few changes within Wokingham Virtual School which this briefing will signpost to you.

Our website continues to be a place where you will find a wealth of information including our training offer for schools. If you are new to the borough or if you are new to the role of DT or DSL our training offer can be found [here](#). For those that need a reminder our website can be found [here](#).



The Virtual School are thrilled to announce that Jane Everton who has been the Acting Headteacher for the past 8 months and with the authority for more years than she may like us to declare, has been appointed to the role of permanent Head of Virtual School and Vulnerable Learner Support after a rigorous selection process.

Jane will be leading the realigned collaborative group of Virtual School and Vulnerable Learner Support, Jane will play a vital role in ensuring that the Council's statutory responsibilities and duty to promote the educational achievement of Looked After Children is properly discharged at the highest possible standards.



On **Monday 18th September** we are running our September ePEP and Designated teacher training. If you are a Designated Teacher we would strongly encourage you to attend this training.

A PEP is a **statutory requirement** to ensure that a record is maintained regarding the child's educational progress and thus it forms an integral part of the child's overall care plan.

We have made many changes to ePEP over the summer to try to capture the child's voice in a more succinct way but also to try and make the process more slim lined for our Designated Teachers. In the training we will also be reviewing SMART targets which some settings have previously struggled with and additionally funding.

The training is virtual and we look forward to welcoming new and 'old' faces on Monday 18th September at 3.30pm.

To confirm your place please contact Jenny

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Whats On

- ★ Monday 18 September 2023 – 15:30 – 16:30 DT Training (Virtual)
- ★ Thursday 21 September 2023 Emotional Based School Avoidance Training at Shute End
- ★ Wednesday 4 October 2023 – 09:00 – 15:00 Building Attachments Training Day 1
- ★ Wednesday 11 October 2023 – 09:00 – 15:00 Building Attachments Training Day 2
- ★ Thursday 12 October 2023 – 15:00 – 16:30 Wokingham DSL Meeting (Virtual)



New Film and Screen National Saturday Club

A new **FREE** [Film and Screen Saturday Club](#) which includes visits to professional studios and masterclasses with film and media industry professionals with travel costs included.

The programme will run from 7th October 2023 to 18th May 2024, 10am to 1pm, every Saturday during term time and is based at Wokingham and Bracknell College.

The club is for young people from 13 to 16 years, who are from low-income families, looked after children, or have parents or carers who have not been to university.

Through a combination of creativity, imagination and learning technical skills, sessions explore film and screen production, sound and lighting design to visual effects and animation. It gives a great start to young people's creative journey and opens their eyes to the vast opportunities this industry has to offer.

No previous experience of film is required. There are only 25 places and offered on a first come first served basis, so **[book now!](#)**

The club is based at Wokingham and Bracknell College. If you have any questions or need help with travel to and from Wokingham and Bracknell College please do not hesitate to contact

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Please note: This club is a 'one-off' opportunity and ends after the 25 weeks.

The Film and Screen Saturday Club is a partnership with Activate Learning, the British Film Institute, Resource Productions and National Saturday Club, and supported by the DfE.



Don't forget the virtual school are here to assist you should you require any support. You can email us at the following addresses and we promise we will respond within 24 hours.

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