Corporate Parenting Panel



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Key Updates



- The extended role of the VSH
 - Autumn Term Attendance
 - End of Key Stage Performance (Summer 2023)
 - Progress against the Cross- Service Action Plan.

Attendance Data- Autumn (2023) Statutory School- Aged Pupils (5-16)

- 70% (54/79) pupils have attendance which is 90% or better. 19% (15/79) have 100% attendance.
- 30% are persistently absent (PA). 65% (16/25) are male.
- 5% (4/79) of pupils have had a Suspension. All pupils are secondary school aged, with 75% of these students in Key Stage 4. 1 pupil with a Suspension has an EHCP.
- No child has had a permanent exclusion.
- Attendance remains a priority for the VS and its stakeholders.

Extended Duties of Virtual School Headteachers (VSHs)



- The Children and Families Act 2014 required every local authority in England to appoint an officer to make sure that its duty to promote the educational achievement of its lookedafter children is properly discharged.
- The Children and Social Work Act 2017 promoted the educational achievement of previously looked-after children.
- Non-statutory guidance was provided in June 2021 to extend the role of the VHT to promote the education of every child with a social worker.
- The National Kinship Care Strategy(DfE December 2023.) The VSHs strategic responsibility for children with a social worker will be expanded to include children in all kinship care arrangements.

End of Key Stage 2 Performance

Key Stage 2 SATs Results. Summer 2023

There were 4 students in Year 6. One student has an EHCP.

- All students (100%) met expected standards in Reading.
- 25% (1/4) achieved 'expected' across Reading, Writing and Maths. The national average is 32%.
- 50% (2/4) students achieved expected standards in both Writing and Maths. This is above the national average: Writing 42% and Maths 44%.



End of Key Stage 4 Performance (Provisional)



Summer 2023	8 or more GCSE passes (Grades 4- 9)	8 or more GCSE passes. (Grades 1- 9)	5 or more GCSEs. (Grades 4- 9)	At least 1 GCSE pass. (Grades 1- 9)	Achieved English and Maths Grades 4 or above.
All Year 11's	6% (1/18)	33% (6/18)	6% (1/18)	67% (12/18)	22% (4/18)
Year 11s in Care 1 Year Plus	8% (1/13)	46% (6/13)	8% (1/13)	77% (10/13)	31% (4/13)

There were 13 students in Year 11 that have been in care for 1 year or longer. 2 students have an EHCP.

- 1 student achieved over 8 GCSE passes (Grades 4-9). The highest number of good GCSE passes was a grade 9.
- Just under 50% of students achieved 8 or more GCSEs passes (Grades 1-9)
- 77% of the students achieved at least 1 GCSE pass.
- Over a third of students achieved good GCSE passes (Grades 4-9) in both English and Maths.

Performance at Key Stage 4 is improving. More students (77%) received GCSES passes (Grades 1-9) when compared to the last academic year (70%). The number of students achieving a good GCSE pass in both English and Maths has also increased by 6%. 31% (2023) compared to 25% (2022).

Year 11 (Current Year 12's) Destinations



73% (19/26) of Year 12's are in Education, Employment or Training (EET).

The 3 students undertaking level 3 courses are on track to enter Higher Education.

7 students are currently not in education, employment or training (NEET). There is are bespoke programmes of support in place for them.





Key Stage 5 Overview





There are currently 86 students in Key Stage 5.

- 77% (66/86) of students are in Education, Employment and Training (EET). A monthly Panel continues to monitor pupils who are not currently in education, employment or training (NEET).
- 28% (24/86) of students have Special Educational Needs (SEN) or Social, Emotional or Mental Health needs(SEMH). 50% of these 24 students have an EHCP.
- Across Key Stage 5, 48% (41/86) receive therapeutic mental health support from CAMHs, Horizon or have a referral in place.
- The average college / 6th Form student attendance in Autumn 2023 was 74.23%
- All students have a PEP in place.

End of Key Stage 5 – A Level Results and Destinations (Summer 2023)

- In 2022-2023 5 students were enrolled on A level or level 3 courses.
- 3 of these students were on extended courses and will complete their studies in July 2025.
- The other 2 students passed their A levels/ level 3 courses. Both are now at university studying Human Geography and Creative Media respectively.
- University students continue to receive support for the Virtual School e.g. equipment for specialist studies or laptops.



Progress against the Cross- Service Action Plan.



- The Section 20 education document for birth families has been drafted. It is currently awaiting approval.
- The increasing number of CLA with mental health challenges, particularly in KS5 continues to be addressed via our new Psychology Team and CLA Health Team.
- The monitoring of the education strength and difficulties questionnaires (SDQs) and carer SDQs will start this term.