

Worcestershire Virtual School News

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Autumn Term Data

As the end of the Autumn Term fast approaches, the Virtual School would like to remind all schools that updated Progress & Attainment data will need to be entered onto the e PEP by the **15th of December** at the latest. **All** e PEPs should have the child/young person's **most current** progress and attainment information added to the e PEP by the 15th, in order for the Virtual School to analyse the data over the Christmas break and enable us to offer the most appropriate interventions and support.

Worcester Theatres Panto Competition

The Virtual School, in collaboration with Worcester Theatres, is running a really exciting art competition this Christmas, for all our CLA and PLAC.

Children and young people are being encouraged to create and enter any piece of art that uses **Beauty and the Beast** as their inspiration and **Don't Judge by Appearances** as the theme.

They can be as creative and colourful as they like and when complete they just send us their picture, painting, poem, short story or different art masterpiece to:

virtualschool@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk

Up to 10 pieces of artwork will be shortlisted and displayed within the Swan Theatre with the lucky winner receiving a family panto ticket worth £60 for the last performance of Beauty and the Beast at The Swan Theatre, Worcester.

The winner and all shortlisted entries will be notified on Tuesday 17th December 2021.

The deadline for all contributions is **Wednesday 8th December 2021**.

Please see the flyer attached and distribute to your CLA & PLAC.

CIAG Designated Teacher Training

Worcestershire Virtual School have been working in partnership with the Inspiring Worcestershire Delivery Team to develop a training day to support our network of Designated Teachers to understand the national and local careers landscape.

Training takes place virtually on Tuesday, the 18th of January at 10-11.30am. Invitations have already been sent and we would highly recommend all DT's to attend as its likely to be an Ofsted focused area. It will give you an understanding of good practice for each year group re: Careers Information Advice and Guidance. The main highlights are:

- The Careers Education Landscape explained
- What does a Designated Teacher need to know?
- Focused Support Programmes
- Local Careers Programmes and Initiatives
- Useful Links and Support

If you have not received an invitation and would like to attend, please contact the Virtual School: virtualschool@worcestershire.gov.uk

If you are planning to attend, please accept the diary invitation so that we can plan appropriately.

Supporting Traumatized Children at Christmas

For many children the second half of the autumn term is exciting as includes many festivities and family get-togethers. Other children can find the next few months really stressful, not least autistic children or children coping with trauma.

Beacon House Therapeutic Services and Trauma Team have a special interest in repairing the effects of trauma and attachment disruption. Amongst their many resources is one with ideas for coping with Christmas: 'The Christmas Storm: Surviving & Thriving At Christmas' which can be downloaded here: <https://beaconhouse.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/The-Christmas-Storm.pdf>

We are here to support you and our children looked after/previously looked after. Please call or email, using the details below or visit our website.

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