



# Learn Achieve Celebrate

Information and guidance  
for Designated Teachers of Looked After and  
Previously Looked After Children in  
Northumberland  
**May 2022**



The GCSEs are already underway and we wish all of our looked after pupils the best of luck. And well done to our Year 2 and Year 6 looked after pupils for completing their SATs. For any looked after children who may be struggling, there are lots of resources on our padlet including strategies from our EPs on managing exam stress.

## Designated Teacher Summer Conference

Building on the momentum from our last DT conference when our theme was transitions, our final DT Conference of the year will have a focus on:

- Living with ACEs
- Post 16, what happens next?
- Planning for Next Year, including Summer School.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022**  
**1 - 3:30pm**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

We hope to see you there!



## Your views

To help us plan effectively when arranging DT Conferences, to make sure you can attend, and to ensure we deliver appropriate training next year to support you in your role as Designated Teacher, we would appreciate it if you could take the time to complete the short Microsoft document - link below - by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May.



<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3qkTu5CC8EKpgNw73-cPQBKgnq9uLrxPvbAAYzkaM5tUMDZVSU1CQkdWMUY1U0JZRUowODFFVUJYNS4u>

## Year 11 Transition



Our Careers Advisers, Caitlin and Andrea, are continuing to work with Year 11 pupils to ensure everyone has a destination for September. This work will continue throughout the summer to support enrolments, travel arrangements and bursary applications. If you feel any of your Year 11s (or 12/13s) need additional career or transition support please get in touch.

## The Northumberland Line



The Virtual School is working closely with Morgan Sindall, the contractor responsible for the Northumberland Rail Line, to provide employment opportunities for Northumberland looked after children. Opportunities may include site visits, work experience placements, careers information sessions, and discussions with staff in relation to specific job roles. More information will be shared as the project develops but if you have any ideas or requests for ways this could support any of the looked after children in your school please contact Andrea Johnson our Lead Careers Adviser.

For any information on the above, or to book places please contact:

Andrea Johnson [andrea.johnson@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:andrea.johnson@northumberland.gov.uk) or

Caitlin Calvert [caitlin.calvert@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:caitlin.calvert@northumberland.gov.uk)

## College Transitions



On Monday 27th June **Newcastle College** is running a one day summer school for looked after children who are planning to enrol in September. This will be an opportunity for our young people to meet the pastoral team, and get to know the college staff.

**Northumberland College** is offering one to one transition visits at their Kirkley Hall and Ashington campuses. These visits will be with the Lead Mentors who will explain all the options of support available when attending college. Carers can also attend.



## Contact Us

Here are contact details for teams and services that you might need when working with looked after children. Let us know if you need any others:

- OneCall 01670 536 400
- ESLAC 01670 622779
- Email: [eslac.info@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:eslac.info@northumberland.gov.uk)
- CYPS 01670 502 700
- Family Placement 01670 626 262
- IROs 01670 624888

Virtual School Headteacher: Jane Walker



**Northumberland**  
County Council