

Revision Resources on the Web

BBC Schools:

High quality, interactive reference materials, games and revision tips.

Key Stage 2: www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/index.shtml

Key stage 3: www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks3bitesize/

GCSEs: www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/

www.satsguide.co.uk/

Provides useful tips on how to prepare mainly for KS2 SATS (although a KS3 section is planned soon) and what to expect. For a one off fee of £5 you can also access online tests which will allow your child to practice and monitor their progress over a period of time.

Primary Revision : Key Stage 2

www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/

A popular site with links to a **huge** range of Maths, Literacy and Science games and activities.

www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children_sats.htm

Sheets of revision information on a range of Key Stage 2 SATS topics with typical SATS questions at the end of them. These could be used to print out and use as a revision session to work through with your children. This site also has links to many other web sites which provide practical help for young people and carers. Click on the link on the left hand side to view the sections for parents or children.

www.school-portal.co.uk

Take a look at the St Monica's Junior School Web Site. Follow the link to the Year 6 Home Page (on the Children's Pages menu). The 'Revision' link on the left hand side will lead you to many useful revision resources.

Secondary Revision: Key Stage 3 and GCSEs

www.s-cool.co.uk/

An impressive site which includes both GCSE and A level support and revision material with interactive quizzes. It also includes careers guidance and advice on work experience, finding part time jobs and further education and training.

www.gcse.com/

This site provides a range of useful material to support GCSE coursework and revision and including some useful revision tips: www.gcse.com/revision.htm

www.bustertests.co.uk/

Provides free revision tips and tests mainly in GCSE science and maths. If you register you can set your own targets and monitor your progress against these in the tests.

www.englishbiz.co.uk/

A comprehensive guide to support English and media studies GCSEs and A levels. It includes a large range of reference materials on how to produce different styles of writing, analyse texts, write poetry and use language appropriately.

ICE – The Internet Channel for Education - <http://ice.medialab.nl/>

An extremely valuable resource which provides links to a vast library of curriculum related and internet materials including revision sites. Choose ICE for



SATs and GCSEs

The LACES Team would like to wish all our Looked After Children good luck in



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Contacting the LACES Team

Web site -

The LACES web site is available for accessing information concerning the education of LAC or down-loading a blank Personal Education Plan or a more comprehensive LACES Newsletter – www.dudley.gov.uk/LACES

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The Virtual School

The aim of Dudley's Virtual School for Looked After Children is to improve the educational

achievement of all

children in public care, looked after by Dudley and educated within the Borough or elsewhere and children from other local

authorities who are educated in Dudley's Schools & Colleges. The Virtual School is an additional resource to support and

challenge all those concerned with the lives of the children & young people looked after as if they were in one school.

The Virtual School seeks to achieve its aims is by working with all partners on an equal basis valuing their contributions and expertise whilst seeking to

develop their practise. The aim is to develop an integrated approach to solving the

challenges that being placed in local authority care presents to the children and young people, who we all have responsibility for.

The Virtual School Head Teacher,

Brian Roberts,

is based at Westox House in Dudley who is



charged with the

management of the school and promoting an integrated approach to planning for LAC. Brian is an experienced senior teacher and has worked in the School

Improvement Service in Bedfordshire integrating approaches in

education and social care. Brian has worked on numerous national initiatives mainly

focused on developing

Private Tuition Scheme

This is currently based at Westox House,

striving to provide

tailored additional

tuition to all LAC on a weekly basis in order to promote their

educational

achievement. All School aged LAC

educated in Dudley,

regardless of the

Authority with

responsibility for them and our Children

educated out of

Borough, are entitled to apply for one hours out of school time

tuition on a subject to meet their educational needs. The only

limiting factor is the availability of tutors. We are of the opinion that the best tutors will be

Youth Worker 'Looked After Children' for Dudley Youth Service

Andrew Poole has recently taken up the post as Youth Worker working with 'Looked After Children' for Dudley Youth Service. Before moving to Dudley he worked for Sandwell Council for 7 years, initially working in the Leisure Service as a Lifeguard. After a short period he moved into the Youth and Community Service,

working with disabled young people as a support assistant helping young people to access leisure activities, this also

included the development of a young people's committee representing disabled young people across the borough.

For the past 4 years he

managed a Community Centre ensuring an inclusive service 'from cradle to the grave' one of his main responsibilities was the running of the centre based youth provision.

In support of his work practice he

was fortunate to attend

Birmingham University, West Campus gaining a Diploma in Community, Youth and play, which enabled him to become a reflective practitioner.

Over the following three months he will be working through his induction, a period of learning, exploring and planning. The service delivery for 'Looked

After Children' will be

Exclusions - Looked After Children

For the first 1 – 5 days of an exclusion -

LAC cannot be in a public place and need to be supervised by their carer

From Day 6 plus –

The school are responsible for providing a full time educational provision

Schools need to be very clear on how many days a child is excluded for and should not state 'until further notice'

Permanent exclusion –

From day 6 the Local Authority are responsible for providing an educational full time place.

All exclusions must be accompanied by a formal

Transition Plans – Primary to Secondary School

In the Summer term Sue Holmes will visit all Year 6

pupils to meet them and

discuss how plans are going for their move to secondary school. If you have any issues with regard to secondary

transfer, you need to be talking to the Designated Teacher at the current primary school, so that any interested people can be invited from the receiving secondary school to discuss plans and individual needs via a PEP Meeting.

Computer Club for Girls

The LACES CC4G is still going strong. Girls have carried out a range of activities

including using digital imaging software to create nail art designs, devising and recording a 'celebrity' interview and

experimenting with editing

music clips to create a piece of 'music'.

The club runs on Wednesday

evenings from 4.45 pm to 6.00 pm at Wordsley School for girls aged 10 -14 and new members are very welcome. For more

information or to enrol a new member please contact Shirley

Ochi on 01384 813493 or

e-mail her at

shirley.ochi@dudley.gov.uk

Swimming Lessons

Congratulations to our foster children who have all recently obtained swimming badges at Brierley Hill Swimming Club.

Rhys - 50 metres

This Swimming Club is held at Dudley Leisure Centre on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 8pm and is FREE to all LAC in the Dudley Borough. The children love to go and foster carers can socialize whilst the children are swimming. Both Kath Cooper and Diane Croxford thanked the LACES team for



Contact Phil Stevens on 01384 822834 for details

Update on the LACES Team

Mike Morrey, Social Worker Mike retired on 13th December 2007 after 25 years working with the Authority. A leaving party was held at the Kahan Centre for Mike on 25th January 2008, the team would like to thank all the carers, young

people and staff who attended, Mike was really moved by their support. The LACES Team wish Mike a very long and happy retirement.

Kay Rides, Education

Welfare & Liaison Officer

Kay is on secondment from the end of January to September 2008 as is now based at The Warehouse as part of her Social Work Degree. If you have any concerns or queries

regarding LAC's education or