



Virtual School News

News and key info
for Designated Teachers

MKCC Virtual School

As we step into the final term of the academic year, there's a sense of excitement and reflection in the air. This is a time to celebrate the progress that has been made, the challenges that have been overcome, and the goals we're all still striving to achieve together. With the conclusion of the summer exam series, end-of-year activities and events, and memorable moments ahead, this term promises to be both busy and rewarding.

GCSE Results Day

Our Virtual School Officers have been speaking with Designated Teachers to confirm arrangements for collecting GCSE results day on 21st August 2025. Thank you to everyone who has provided exam officer information or supported via your school's internal processes to ensure we are made aware of outcomes as soon as possible on the day. As you will be keenly aware, there is often a very small window of opportunity to confirm or explore post-16 offers and the Virtual School will be working on the day to liaise with young people, as well as their carers and social workers, to provide support as needed. We know that our children's schools will be doing the same and thank you in advance for going above and beyond in your summer break. The Virtual School will be operating a GCSE Results Day 'Hub' and we invite schools to reach out to us if there is anything we can support with via their allocated Virtual School Officer, Jenny Cooledge – Jenny.Cooledge@milton-keynes.gov.uk or Katy Enser – Katy.Enser@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

Destination Checks

Do you know where your Year 11's are going in September? All of your young people in Year 11, including our looked after children, should have a confirmed destination for September 2025 by now. If one of your Year 11 looked after children is still unsure about their destination or hasn't had a formal offer, please get in touch with their Virtual School Officer or the Post 16 Specialist (Jennifer.Appleby@milton-keynes.gov.uk) - we are ready to support!

MK Here For You App

The Virtual School have commissioned an app to bring together a variety of learning and resources specifically for Designated Teachers and Designated Safeguarding Leads. We would be really keen to receive your feedback on the usefulness of the content and will be discussing it in more detail in the upcoming Designated Teacher Forum. Details of how to access it are below:

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New to role of Designated Teacher

If you have an incoming member of staff who will be undertaking the role of Designated Teacher from September 2025, or indeed would just appreciate a refresher, we will be offering a 'New to Role of Designated Teacher' training session at 4pm on Thursday 10th July 2025. This will be a virtual session delivered on Teams. Please contact Dawn Edhouse – Dawn.Edhouse@milton-keynes.gov.uk to book a space.

Summer Term PEPs

Deadline: 18th July 2025

Please ensure that any information and Part 2 sections if undertaking Core PEPs are submitted by this date. This allows Virtual School Officers time before the holiday break to follow up if any queries before we QA and finalise PEPs.

Training Opportunities

A reminder that there is a variety of training opportunities available free of charge to settings supporting children looked after by Milton Keynes City Council. Our full training offer can be found on our website: [Training and support | Milton Keynes City Council \(milton-keynes.gov.uk\)](#). There is a wide variety of different options including e-learning and whole school face to face training.

Please do not hesitate to contact Katy Enser – Katy.Enser@Milton-Keynes.gov.uk or Jenny Cooledge – Jenny.Cooledge@milton-keynes.gov.uk – for further information if this would be of interest to you.

Designated Teacher Forum

The last DT Forum of the year will be held on Thursday 3rd July 2025. It is an in-person event being held at Stephenson Trust Post 16 Centre. Further information will be circulated shortly. The DT Forum's have gone from strength to strength this year, providing opportunities for sharing best practice, collaborative learning and signposting to high quality resources. We will be reviewing our plans for next year's programme over the coming weeks and always welcome any areas for improvement as well as requests for future sessions. If you have suggestions or ideas, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Jenny Cooledge – Jenny.Cooledge@milton-keynes.gov.uk.