

## AfC Virtual School : Bulletin 1

### *Supporting Mission Statement 7, Communication and Working with Others*

#### Headlines

On Wednesday the VSH attended the **Pan London VSHs Meeting**. Highlights included crafting a Pan London Action Plan. Policies are to be created and uniformly used across Virtual Schools uniting our approach around key statutory areas. CLA SEND protocol was discussed as a priority as was a united approach on Outcomes in light of assessment challenges.



On Thursday the VSH gave a talk on CLA Literacy at the London University PALAC Conference as part of the launch of 'Taking Action for Looked After Children' by Catherine Carroll and Claire Cameron. This compiles research carried out by Virtual School Heads and schools including a study carried out by Suzanne Parrott.

On Friday Kerry Crombie (AHT for Kingston) and Sara Frietag (VS EP) launched AfC Virtual Schools CLA Literacy Programme in collaboration with Dr Catherine Carroll and Dr Vivian Hill of PALAC. The days training covered barriers to Literacy faced by CLA. Teachers from our schools in Richmond, Kingston, Greenwich, Croydon and Spelthorne reviewed their Pupil EP assessments and planned lessons together. Over the next ten weeks AfC VS is funding teachers to deliver closing the gap activities. At the end of the programme there will be a further EP assessment to measure impact.

AfC EP, Dr Sara Frietag aims to publish a paper on AfC Virtual School's results.

#### Meetings

The VS attended a wide range of meetings in and out of borough including Corporate Parents Group, Leadership Meetings, Meetings with Fostering, Placement Planning Meetings, PEPs, school professionals meetings, Wellbeing intervention, Transition support, Intervention Project Development meetings (Aim Higher, Project Centaur, PALAC) training and visiting Social Workers team meetings.

This week the VS invited colleagues to create an inter-agency CLA SEND protocol. This was enthusiastically supported by SEND, IRO and Social Care.

#### Radio Aspire Youth

Our usual Wednesday Broadcast went out. In a new development, Pupil Premium Co-ordinator, Neil Long our Radio Jackie DJ producer and Chessington Community College are working together and CCC students will be producing programme content going forward.

#### Communication

We are keen to work together to offer support, advise and to raise the profile of Looked After Children. You can contact us on 020 8831 6037, [www.afcvirtualschool.org.uk](http://www.afcvirtualschool.org.uk) and via Twitter: @AFC\_VS.