

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

Report to: Children's and Education Policy and Accountability Committee

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Subject: Virtual School Annual Report 2022/23

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SUMMARY

The Virtual School annual report provides an overview and analysis of the impact of the virtual school's work during the academic year 2022/2023, and the key priorities for the following year. A summary version of this report outlining the main achievements has been created to share with young people, shown in Appendix A.

The Virtual School will be presenting a short video and will talk through a set of slides on the young person's summary of the annual report. The slides will detail some of the highlights and achievements of the Virtual School including the enrichment programme, and the young people involved.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Children's And Education Policy And Accountability Committee members are asked to note the contents of the slides and make any comments on additional information they would like to receive.

Wards Affected: All

| Our Values | Summary of how this report aligns to the H&F Values |
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| Building shared prosperity | The virtual school works with young people to achieve their best outcomes. |
| Creating a compassionate council | Working with and listening to the needs of young people allows the Council to deliver compassionate services that meet their needs. |
| Doing things with local residents, not to them | The voice of the child is at the heart of the Virtual School and delivering services that work for them. |
| Being ruthlessly financially efficient | The Virtual School focusses on supporting young people to be successful in education and training enabling them to go on to be successful adults. This helps to provide significant cost savings for the council and wider society. |
| Taking pride in H&F | The virtual school celebrates the achievement of our children and their success in education and |

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| | training. |
| Rising to the challenge of the climate and ecological emergency | The Virtual School ensures that our children and young people are engaged in the best possible education which includes developing their understanding of the climate emergency and supporting them to be active citizens. |

Background Papers Used in Preparing This Report

None

DETAILED ANALYSIS

1. The Committee are asked to note the contents of the Virtual School slides.
2. The slides will be presented by the Virtual School Head who will talk about the young people's summary of the annual report and the key learnings and achievements outlined in the report.
3. Some of the achievements include:
 - **Training** – delivering 11 training session to teachers and foster carers to help them better understand our young people,
 - **Enrichment** – organising residentials, week long projects and encouraging young people to join after school clubs.
 - **Post 16 – support** - working with university College London to improve outcomes for our care experienced young people.
4. There is an exciting set of projects the virtual school want to organize next year, including:
 - Offering a weekly homework support group
 - Expanding the training offer to reach more professionals and cover more areas
 - Running weekly drop-in support sessions and open events with different employers

LIST OF APPENDICES:

- Young Person's Summary of the Annual Report
- Summer 2023 Activities PowerPoint