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Date	Title	Description	Links	Who's this open to?
Saturday 23 rd September 2023 9.45am – 4pm	Get Outdoors! Standon Bowers	Staffordshire Virtual School have teamed up with Entrust to offer an inclusive outdoor education program to help boost confidence, raise self esteem and support young people in realising their potential. May include activities such as Archery, High Ropes, Climbing, Bushcraft and much more!	Click here to view the flyer Or CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW	This is open to Staffordshire Children in care who have transitioned into a new school in September 2023.
Saturday 30 th September 2023 9.45am – 4pm	Get Outdoors! Laches Wood	Staffordshire Virtual School have teamed up with Entrust to offer an inclusive outdoor education program to help boost confidence, raise self-esteem and support young people in realising their potential. May include activities such as Archery, High Ropes, Climbing, Bushcraft and much more!	Or CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW	This is open to Staffordshire Children in care who have transitioned into a new school in September 2023.

<p>Thursday 12th October 2024</p> <p>5pm – 6pm</p>	<p>Duke of Edinburgh information session</p> <p>Online</p>	<p>Calling all Yr 10+11s. We will be running the Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh award for our learners for FREE this academic year! We are expecting a lot of interest in this programme and will be giving places on a first come first serve basis. We will be holding two induction meetings with a representative from the Duke of Edinburgh team to explain about the qualification, benefits and requirements. Using this link please sign up for one of the presentation evenings.</p>	<p>Click here to book your place now!</p>	<p>This is for year 10 and 11 students who are Staffordshire children in care.</p>
<p>Wednesday 18th October 2024</p> <p>5pm – 6pm</p>	<p>Duke of Edinburgh information session</p> <p>Online</p>	<p>Calling all Yr 10+11s. We will be running the Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh award for our learners for FREE this academic year! We are expecting a lot of interest in this programme and will be giving places on a first come first serve basis. We will be holding two induction meetings with a representative from the Duke of Edinburgh team to explain about the qualification, benefits and requirements. Using this link please sign up for one of the presentation evenings</p>	<p>Click here to book your place now!</p>	<p>This is for year 10 and 11 students who are Staffordshire children in care.</p>
<p>Monday 30th October 2023 9.45am start</p>	<p>Guided Family Walk</p> <p>Peak District</p>	<p>Guided family walk from Ilam Hall in the Peak District taking in the beautiful Dovedale Valley. Parking is £4 at Ilam Hall, or FREE for National Trust members. Arrival at 9.45am for a prompt 10am start. approximately 130 of ascent. Toilets, parking and café at Ilam Hall.</p>	<p>To view the flyer to this event please email becky.woolridge@staffordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Or CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW</p>	<p>This is open to Staffordshire Children in Care and their foster carers. Parents/carers can bring their own children if they are bringing a child in care.</p>

		Distance is approximately 7km/4.3 miles with an estimated time of 2.5 hours to complete		
Tuesday 31 st October 2023 10am – 12pm	DJ Workshop Venue TBC (Stone area)	Grab this awesome opportunity to experience what it is like to be a DJ and learn some amazing skills! Hit the decks with Oli Jackson – DJ and actor with over 20 years of experience working in the entertainment industry!	Flyer and booking link will be available soon. To reserve a place please email becky.woolridge@staffordshire.gov.uk	This is open to children in care linked to Staffordshire Virtual School and reside in and around the surrounding area. Ages: 8 years and above
Tuesday 31 st October 2023 1pm-3pm	Bollywood Dance Venue TBC (Stone area)	Join us to learn a range of Indian Dance styles, from elegant classical dances to the more exuberant Bollywood. Children build on their natural enthusiasm for movement and develop skills of coordination and teamwork. The professional dancers will get the whole group up and moving to the beat! These workshops encourage children to explore the diverse sounds and dance of a different culture, a session filled with vibrancy of the subcontinent	Flyer and booking link will be available soon. To reserve a place please email becky.woolridge@staffordshire.gov.uk	This is open to Staffordshire and Stoke children in care and is suitable for Ages: 7 years and above
Tuesday 31 st October 2023 1pm-3pm	Diya Painting Workshop Venue TBC (Stone area)	Every child design, paints and takes home their own Diya oil lamp! This workshop is the perfect way to celebrate Diwali or can be enjoyed as a learning experience for Indian culture. Diwali is a Hindu festival, also known as the festival of lights. Synonymous to the festival are Diya oil lamps, usually made from clay. The lighting of a Diya lamp represents forcing light upon darkness bringing hope and prosperity to all.	Flyer and booking link will be available soon. To reserve a place please email becky.woolridge@staffordshire.gov.uk	This is open to Staffordshire and Stoke children in care and is suitable for Ages: 7 years and above
Friday 3 rd November 2023	Women in Theatre performance	Following the Women in Theatre project in August 2023, those who participated in the 3 days of dance and drama activities have	Places for this have already been allocated to those who participated in the project.	This is for the young people who attended the

10.30am – 1pm	Birmingham B4 7XR	been invited to see a Women in Theatre Performance		Women in Theatre project in August 2023
11 th November 2023 Stoke	Emma Bridgewater Plate Decorating pottery session	Come join us for a creative day to decorate a plate, which you can keep for yourself or gift to someone else. Venue – Emma Bridgewater Factory, Stoke-on-Trent: Free parking on site available. Location can be found by typing “ST1 3EJ Pelham Street” into your Satnav	Flyer and booking link will be available soon. To reserve a place please email becky.woolridge@staffordshire.gov.uk	This is open to Staffordshire and Stoke children in care and is suitable for Ages: 7 years and above
14 th November 2023 9.30am – 11am	Music Concert Red Rose, Rugeley	Children who currently play music within their primary school settings are invited to play together to create a performance at the Prince of Wales Theatre, Cannock	More information to come soon	
Saturday 18 th November 10am – 12pm	Christmas Card making! John O’Leary Education Centre, Maquis Drive, Cannock	Come and join Staffordshire Virtual School for a fun and festive day creating and designing as little or as many Christmas Cards as you like! All finished pieces will be entered into a competition and 10 lucky winners will receive panto tickets to go and see the Nutcracker at the New Vic Theatre in Stoke!! Festive refreshments will be available on the day 😊 <i>If you are unable to attend this day, you can create your designs at home and email us a photo, or you can create something digitally! Please send all finished art work to becky.woolridge@staffordshire.gov.uk by 16th December 2023!</i>		This is open to Staffordshire Children in Care aged 4 years old up to 11 years old

2 nd December 2023	Give it a go – sports experience day	More info to come	More information to come soon	This is open to Staffordshire and Stoke Children in Care
27 th January 2024	Nutcracker The New Vic, Stoke	Keep your eyes out for an upcoming competition that will soon be launched to be in for the chance to win Tickets to see the Nutcracker performance along with a Tour of the Theatre!!	ONLY 20 TICKETS AVAILABLE	This is open to Staffordshire and Stoke Children in Care
27 th January 2024 11am – 1pm	Word Smash – Creative Writing Tamworth Library	Can you create something unique with random words, thoughts and ideas? Join us for a fun workshop to unlock your imagination and word skills to create your very own lyrical ‘mash-up’ Suitable for children aged 8-14 years old.	CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!	This is open to Staffordshire Children in Care aged 8-14 years old
13 th February 2024 2pm-4pm	Cluster activity with Stoke - ARTS	More information to come	More information to come	This activity is open to Staffordshire and Stoke children in care
Wednesday 24 th February 2024	Explore Arts Award in a day! CMT		More information to come soon	
Tuesday 2 nd March 2024	Folk Music Event	More information to come		
9 th March 2024 11am – 1pm	Word Smash – Creative Writing Stafford Library	Can you create something unique with random words, thoughts and ideas? Join us for a fun workshop to unlock your imagination and word skills to create your very own lyrical ‘mash-up’ Suitable for children aged 8-14 years old.	CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!	This is open to Staffordshire Children in Care aged 8-14 years old
Saturday 16 th March 2024	Regional Arts Event			
Tuesday 26 th March 2024	Explore Arts Award in a day!			

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Tuesday 26 th March 2024	Discover Arts Award in a day			
April 2024	Girls Grind Dance Workshop	More information to come		
28 th May 2024 2pm-4pm	Cluster Event with Stoke - ARTS	More info to come		This is open to Staffordshire and Stoke Children in Care
29 th May 2024 11am – 1pm	Word Smash – Creative Writing Newcastle Library	Can you create something unique with random words, thoughts and ideas? Join us for a fun workshop to unlock your imagination and word skills to create your very own lyrical ‘mash-up’ Suitable for children aged 8-14 years old.	CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!	This is open to Staffordshire Children in Care aged 8-14 years old
4 th June 2024 4pm – 6pm	Word Smash – Creative Writing Cannock Library	Can you create something unique with random words, thoughts and ideas? Join us for a fun workshop to unlock your imagination and word skills to create your very own lyrical ‘mash-up’ Suitable for children aged 8-14 years old.	CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!	This is open to Staffordshire Children in Care aged 8-14 years old
July 2024	Bronze Arts Award in 4 days	More info to come		
June/July	Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions	Staffordshire Virtual School now deliver the Duke of Edinburgh award to Staffordshire Children in care aged 14 and above.	For more information regarding the DofE award and how to get involved please email becky.woolridge@staffordshire.gov.uk	This is open to Staffordshire Children in Care aged 14 and above
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