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**Staffordshire
Virtual School**

The Virtual School are passionate to promote Wider Learning opportunities (Arts/Culture/Sports) to our Children and Young People, offering a wealth of experiences and signposting to extra-curricular in your area.

Please see some of the upcoming events below, we will have on offer this year. If you wish to be updated with new events and opportunities, please follow this link. <https://forms.office.com/e/JnebupRs6f?origin=lprLink>

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Date	Title	Description	Links	Who's this open to?
2024 8:30 – 10:30am dates and venues will be shared	Park Run Various	Staffordshire Virtual School have teamed up with Stoke Virtual School and would like to encourage our young people, their guardians, and our team members to join their local 'park runs'. This is the first of many. If you can't make this one, but are participating in another, please let us know, we would love to hear how you get on.		This is open to Staffordshire & Stoke Children in care, previously looked after and Children with a Social Worker. Also, to those who have a different LA, but live in Staffs or Stoke.

<p>Saturday 14th September 2024</p> <p>3- 5pm</p>	<p>School of Rock Musical</p> <p>Wildwood, Stafford</p>	<p>Come along and learn from Jake Sharp how to sing, dance, act and have fun!! Jake played the main role of Dewey Finn in the West End and UK tour. An energetic 2-hour workshop to throw you into the world of theatre and experience what being in a West End show is really like! Q&A with West End star included!!</p>	<p>Musical theatre workshop.pdf</p> <p>Only 10 places available so please book early to avoid disappointment.</p>	<p>This is open to Staffordshire Children in care aged 11- 16yrs old.</p>
<p>Wed 2nd Oct</p> <p>4:30 - 6pm</p>	<p>Care to Dance</p> <p>Co-creation group</p> <p>Discovery Hub, Lichfield.</p>	<p>We are joining together with ' Care to Dance' to offer a programme of dance starting January 2025. Does this sound like something you would like to be involved in? Can you join us to share your vision in co-creating the program over the next couple of months?</p>	<p>https://forms.office.com/e/1SPBX4Kukr?origin=lprLink</p>	<p>CIC living in Staffs aged 7-18yrs</p>
<p>Saturday 6th October 2024</p> <p>10am - 3pm</p>	<p>A festival of sport activities.</p> <p>Trentham Gardens</p>	<p>Staffordshire Virtual School are teamed together with Together Active to provide a sporting education program to help boost confidence, raise self-esteem and support young people in realising their potential. May include activities such as Archery, Bushcraft and much more!</p>	<p>Outdoor Adventure Fest Booking Form (office.com)</p>	<p>This is open to Staffordshire & Stoke families with Children in care, previously looked after and Children with a Social Worker. Also, to those who have a different LA, but live in Staffs or Stoke.</p>
<p>Oct 19th or 9th November 2024</p>	<p>Music workshop</p>	<p>Staffordshire Virtual School are teamed together with Entrust Music Service to provide Music opportunities to help boost confidence, raise self-esteem and support young people in realising their potential. There will be demonstrations followed by “try it yourself” with various instruments. For our older students a chance to look at music tech, hopefully looking at recording studios and much more!</p>	<p>Flyer and booking link will be available soon. To reserve a place please email Mary.gardner@staffordshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>This is open to children in care, previously looked after and csw. Ages: 8 years and above</p>

Saturday 16 th November 2024 Stoke	Emma Bridgewater Plate Decorating pottery session	Come join us for a creative day to decorate a plate. Very popular last year 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 mary.gardner@staffordshire.gov.uk	This is open to Staffordshire and Stoke children in care and is suitable for Ages: 7 years and above
Saturday 30 th November 10:30am – 12:30	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! You may even win to have your design printed! 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 artwork to mary.gardner@staffordshire.gov.uk by 13th December 2024!</i>	This is open to Staffordshire Children in Care, previously looked after and children with a social worker, aged 4 years old up to 13 years old
Saturday 7 th Dec	Xmas Fun	Christmas celebrations at their annual event	Booking with Staffs FC	All CIC to Staffordshire Foster Carers to celebrate at their annual event
January – April 2025	Care2Dance Stafford area	This 12-week programme provides our children with an introduction to dance, of different genres. Meeting weekly to creatively express themselves through dance. The group environment enables them to develop friendships, find a sense of belonging and be amongst professionals who understand and can offer emotional support. If the young people wish- there will be a chance of a performance at the end of the 12 weeks.	https://forms.office.com/e/1SPBX4Kukr?origin=lprLink Limited places, so please book early to avoid disappointment	CIC to Staffordshire aged 8 – 18yrs
Sat 25 th January 2025	Give it a go – sports experience day	Staffordshire Virtual School are teamed together with Together Active to provide a sporting education program to help boost	https://forms.office.com/e/JnebupRs6f?origin=lprLink Please state which event you are interested in	This is open to Staffordshire & Stoke families with Children in care, previously looked

		confidence, raise self-esteem and support young people in realising their potential. Event to be held indoors with various sports for all to try, as well as local sport clubs and communities sharing what they have to offer for those who wish to take a new sport up regularly.		after and Children with a Social Worker. Also, to those who have a different LA, but live in Staffs or Stoke.
January 2025	Panto Theatre experience	Keep your eyes out for an upcoming competition that will soon be launched to be in for the chance to win Tickets.	https://forms.office.com/e/JnebupRs6f?origin=lprLink Please state which event you are interested in	This is open to Staffordshire and Stoke Children in Care
17 th February 2025 2pm-4pm	Re-use & Recycle Arts workshop. Venue tbc	Workshop delivered by ROOTS which is an artist from Birmingham. A recycle and re-use workshop, using old and new items. All materials will be provided and can be taken home by the YP once they have created a piece. YP can also bring in old items that they want to use.	https://forms.office.com/e/JnebupRs6f?origin=lprLink Please state which event you are interested in	This activity is open to Staffordshire and Stoke children in care
Thursday 20 th February 2025	Stoke City FC	Come and join us at Stoke City FC- to experience sports in their dome, alongside an informative Q &A session as well as a Grand Tour of the stadium	https://forms.office.com/e/JnebupRs6f?origin=lprLink Please state which event you are interested in	This is open to Staffordshire & Stoke Children in care. aged 8 - 16yrs old.
Saturday in Spring Term 2025	Music Event with Entrust	More information to come	Flyer and booking link will be available soon. To reserve a place please email mary.gardner@staffordshire.gov.uk	
Spring Term 2025	Regional Arts Event	More information to come	Flyer and booking link will be available soon. To reserve a place please email mary.gardner@staffordshire.gov.uk	

April 2025	Easter Craft & Activities John O'Leary Centre	Come and join us for a fun day creating and designing as little or as many Easter Cards and decorations as you wish!! Refreshments will be available on the day 😊	Flyer and booking link will be available soon. To reserve a place please email mary.gardner@staffordshire.gov.uk	
Saturday 5 th or Sunday 6 th April 2025	Together Active Sports session	Staffordshire Virtual School are teamed together with Together Active to provide a sporting education program to help boost confidence, raise self-esteem and support young people in realising their potential. Event with various sports for all to try, as well as local sport clubs and communities sharing what they have to offer for those who wish to take a new sport up regularly.	https://forms.office.com/e/JnebupRs6f?origin=IprLink Please state which event you are interested in	This is open to Staffordshire & Stoke families with Children in care, previously looked after and Children with a Social Worker. Also, to those who have a different LA, but live in Staffs or Stoke.
July 2025	Bronze Arts Award in 4 days	Are you interested in creative or performing arts?? Want an opportunity to develop or improve on your skills, at the same time as working to gain your Bronze Arts Award accredited qualification during your summer holidays	https://forms.office.com/e/JnebupRs6f?origin=IprLink Please state which event you are interested in	CIC form Staffordshire aged between 12-16years

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