

Southwark Virtual School

Highlights from Virtual School Headteacher's Report from 2024 CLA outcomes

- At the end of the 2023-2024 academic year Southwark Virtual School recorded 364 students on roll. 257 children are statutory school age and 107 in Key Stage 5. Recorded 152 females 212 males.
- In Southwark, the proportion of Southwark's statutory school age looked after children; with special educational needs is 44% (113) and with an EHCP is 32% (82) compared to 4.8% nationally.
- The distribution of Southwark looked after children by Ofsted ratings of the education provision they attend shows that 4% (10 children) attend provision that is in requires improvement.
- The Virtual School received over £800k of **Pupil Premium** grant and additional covid recovery and National Tuition Programme funding to promote the education of school aged learners. In addition to payments made to schools, funding is used to support exceptional needs funding, education psychologist, speech and language, fixed-term resourcing, supplementary and interim home tuition, exam support, online learning programme, digital resources, literacy mails outs and bespoke Covid recovery tuition. Circa £150k was dedicated to tuition.
- **Southwark has moved from PEP to ePEP (electronic PEP)** to improve monitoring of attainment and data sharing between all stakeholders. Personal Education Plan performance in the summer term 2023 reached 100%.
- **KS4 GCSE outcomes:** 48% achieved a Grade 1-9 in English and Maths an increase from 44% in last year.
- **KS5 Outcomes:** A new Virtual School record of 14 children progressed to Higher education. 9 students (out of 14) received offers for first choice Universities. 1 Student achieved AAB to accept an offer from Ravensbourne, University of London to study Art. 1 student progressed onto an undergraduate (+ masters) degree level apprenticeship with KPMG, one of the 'Big 4' leading accounting firms.
- **Participation and work with Speakerbox.** Children have had opportunity to experience theatre and ballet -Sister Act at Dominion Theatre and Luna at Saddlers wells. Speakerbox participation has increased through Children's right officer contribution from the Virtual School.
- **ESOL Participation** – our unaccompanied Asylum seeking children experienced summer camp and ESOL sports days with Charlton Athletic and Crystal Palace Football Club.
- **Southwark Unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC):** Increased numbers this year with 92% are aged 16+. All received a PEP with 10 days of coming into Care. Children were placed in an ESOL provision within 14 days.
- **Destinations:** continues to be a strength of the Virtual School. KS4 destinations shows over 80% of CLA with a confirmed destination.
- **Persistent absenteeism** data shows 31% (79) of looked after children with below 90% attendance and is attributed to post pandemic school refusal, new to care, care placement change and medical absences. Fixed term exclusions also contributed to this increase. The Virtual School have developed systems to address each individual case.
- **Children Missing Education:** 5 children have no school place. This is down from 14 reported in July 2023. 4 have an EHCP. All children have tuition in place or offered. 2 are expected to start imminently.
- **Virtual School Priorities:**
 - Persistent absence remains our main priority for the 2024/25 academic year.
 - To promote the educational outcomes of children with a social worker
 - Support the development of CPD with focus on attachment aware and trauma informed schools
 - To strengthen our approach and offering in KS5 through use of the new Pupil Premium Funding for Post 16