

VSK WEEKLY UPDATE

4 March 2026

Spotlight on Year 11s and KentChoices

For all Year 11 learners in Kent and Medway, you should receive a letter from KentChoices in early March regarding your plans after Year 11

KentChoices letter FAQs - plans for September

Action required: Plans for September 2026 and Using KentChoices

It's time to confirm what you are planning to do after Year 11.

You can:

- Download and read their letter below

[Watch their short video](#) explaining how to accept your offers and preference your applications

View their frequently asked questions if you need more help

Visit the Margate Digital Campus Open Event on Wednesday 11 March, 4.00 – 7.00 pm to explore their brand-new campus and range of exciting courses.

Speak to industry-expert tutors, walk around their new facilities, and immerse yourself in their Demonstration Suites for Photography and Motion Capture.

Meet the tutors and discuss their exciting range of new [courses](#):

- Get a taste of what to expect with interactive department activities
- Explore the new Margate Digital Campus
- Learn about financial services and bursaries
- Discover the range of support that is available for all students at College

Courses you can study at the new Margate Digital Campus include:

[Level 3 Diploma in Animation and Illustration](#)

[T Level Content Creation](#)

[Level 3 Diploma in Visual Effects \(VFX\)](#)

[T Level Digital Production, Design and Development](#)



Virtual School Kent and Medway Virtual School

Academic Mentoring Webinar for those caring under an SGO
(Special Guardianship Order) living in **Kent or Medway**

Friday 6th March 2026

OR

Friday 20th March 2026

10am – 11.30am. Online and Free to attend

This webinar uses Microsoft TEAMS.

Do you have children who are preparing for summer exams?

The months leading up to exams can be stressful for many young people. Worries about grades or fears about not getting onto the next stage of their education can really affect how they feel — and how well they perform in their exams.

This can be just as tough for those with day to day parenting responsibility. We want to support our children, but it's not always clear how to do that. We're not their teachers or tutors — we're their parents / carers / guardians; working out how best to encourage them with revision, planning, and managing the pressure can feel overwhelming at times.

This jointly funded online webinar is designed to help you support those in your care as they prepare for their exams—whether they are end-of-year tests, GCSEs, or post-16 qualifications. We'll explore simple, practical strategies that you can use together straight away. These include effective revision methods, useful study habits, and practical ways in which you can be involved. Together, building their motivation and confidence. Our aim is to help you feel equipped to guide your child through the exam period, working *with* them to feel supported, encouraged, and ready to do their best.

Student Navigator will be running the webinar on both Friday 6th March 2026 and **repeated** on Friday 20th March at the same time: 10-11.30am. **Please select the date that works best for you.**

If you would like to attend, please complete [this form](#) by **Friday 27th February** or use the **QR Code** below. We will then provide you with a Microsoft Teams link for you to access the training event.



Virtual School Kent and Medway Virtual School

Opening Doors

Supporting care-experienced students in Year 9-14 (FE equivalent) into higher education.



Spring School 2026

Wednesday 8 April, Thursday 9 April and Friday 10 April

This three-day event offers students an engaging introduction to university life and the experience of being a student, and is free to attend. Students will have the opportunity to visit Canterbury Christ Church University, the University of Kent, and the University for the Creative Arts as part of this non-residential programme. Throughout the event, they will be supported by student ambassadors and take part in activities designed to help them gain a deeper understanding of university study and student life.

We're right here with you

Apply now!



Please click/scan here.
Apply by Sunday 8 March

Canterbury Christ Church University (Canterbury campus)



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**BOYS'
IMPACT**

University of
Kent

KENT AND MEDWAY BOYS' IMPACT PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SERIES

25 March, 22 April and 20 May 2026
09:30-12:00

University of Kent, Canterbury

Join us for a **FREE** in-person
three-part professional
learning series.

Building on the success of our
Kent and Medway Boys' Impact
Hub launch event last April,
this series supports educators
to take the next step in their
Boys' Impact journey.





Young Lives Foundation Supper Clubs @ Canterbury Thanet Maidstone

SUPPER CLUB

ARE YOU CARE EXPERIENCED?
Come and join us, along with other care experience young people, for a chance to eat, chat, and have a great time together!

25th March 2026
The Coffee Corner, 51 Saint Dunstan's St, Canterbury CT2 8BS
12PM - 2PM

REGISTER YOUR PLACE HERE!
forms.office.com/3b2a2d38a

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

For more info: www.ylf.org.uk Any questions, email: futures@ylf.org.uk

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11th March 2026
Pollito's 91 Week St, Maidstone ME14 1QX
12PM - 2PM

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ARE YOU CARE EXPERIENCED?
Come and join us, along with other care experience young people, for a chance to eat, chat, and have a great time together!

Every other Friday
Northdown Road Family Hub, Margate CT9 1RP
11AM - 1PM

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INTRODUCTION TO DJING CLASSES FOR KIDS

These fun, hands-on sessions are aimed at kids and teenagers aged 7-18 who want to learn how to mix!

- ✓ How to use DJ equipment and the different types available
- ✓ Setting up a simple home practice setup
- ✓ An introduction to beat matching and blending tunes
- ✓ Basic music structure and counting beats
- ✓ DJ etiquette and confidence behind the decks

When: Fridays, 4pm-6pm
Where: Preston Community Centre, Mill Lane, Preston CT3 1HA

This guide and toolkit was initially developed by the Virtual School Kent and the Kent Educational Psychology Service. Its aim is to support schools in their understanding of the importance of promoting relational approaches to create a sense of connection, school belonging and with trauma informed practices supporting all vulnerable children, particularly those who may struggle to attend school.

Relational Approaches to support School Belonging and Attendance:

A Guide and Toolkit

Kent County Council
April 2025

[Click here](#)

<https://ncw26.co.uk/>

SAVE THE DATE FOR NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK 2026

2ND – 7TH MARCH 2026

National Careers Week
NCW

SAVE THE DATE FOR #NCW2026

We'd love to hear from you!

How have VSK supported you or your team recently? Please take a moment to let us know by clicking the link below:

[Feedback Form: Share how VSK supported you](#)

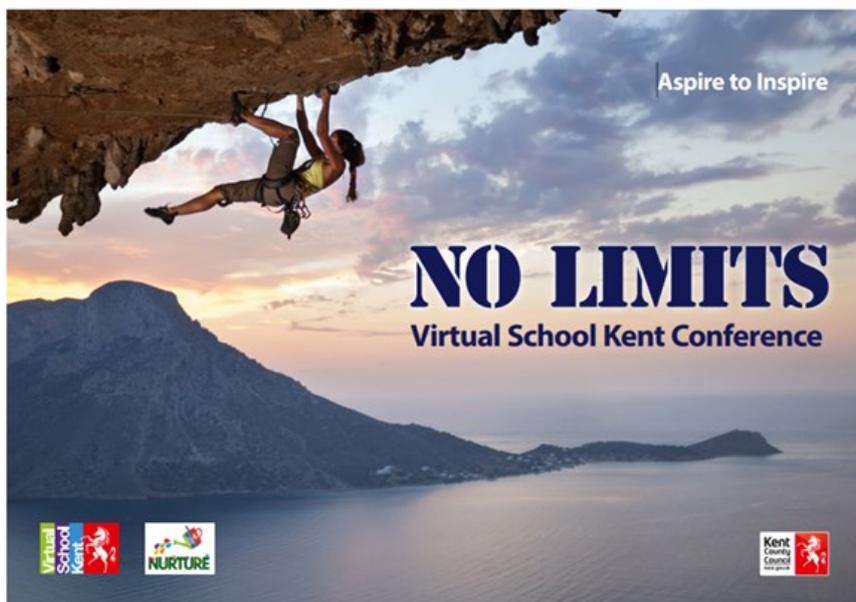
Book Your Place Today!

TISCUK Training — Training for Education Settings | Virtual School Kent:

- Senior Leads Training 26th and 27th March OR 18th and 19th June
- Transforming Behaviour Through Trauma-Informed Approaches 31st March
- Diploma in Trauma-Informed Mental Health Schools 11 days starts 16th March

Click. Book. Secure. *Don't miss out.*

11.03.26	North Kent Designated Teacher Update 13:30 @ Riverside Community Centre VSK - Designated Teacher 11th March 2026 Term 4 – Fill in form
12.03.26	West Kent Designated Teacher Update 1pm @ Homewood School VSK WK Designated Teacher Update 12/03/2026 – Fill in form
20.03.26	Kent Designated Teacher Network Update @ Riverside Church, Whitstable Kent Designated Teacher Network Update - Friday 20th March 2026 9.30am - 3.30pm – Fill out form
30.04.26	East Kent Designated Teacher Forum @ Green Banks - Thanet MASH East Kent Designated Teachers Forum - Booking Form 30th April 2026
12.05.26	County Wide Designated Teacher Update 12:30 & 15:45 Online Countywide Virtual Designated Teacher Updates – Fill in form
13.05.26	County Wide Designated Teacher Update 8:00 Online Countywide Virtual Designated Teacher Updates – Fill in form
30.06.26	East Kent Designated Teacher Forum 13:30 @ Whitstable Youth Hub East Kent Designated Teachers Forum - Booking Form 30th June 2026
01.07.26	North Kent Designated Teacher Update 13:30 @ North Team - Virtual DT briefing - 01 July 2026 -Term 6 – Fill in form
02.07.26	West Kent Designated Teacher Induction 13:00 Online Countywide Virtual Designated Teacher Updates – Fill in form
07.07.26	South Kent Designated Teacher Update / Induction 13:30 @ Smile Centre Whitfield Primary South Kent Designated Teachers Forum - Booking Form Tuesday 7th July 2026 –



SAVE THE DATE
Wednesday
7th October
2026
10am til 2pm

DETLING SHOWGROUND

GUEST SPEAKER: ALFIE WATTS –
Winner of Race Across the World

This event is for Designated
Teachers, Senior Leadership
Teams and the young people they
support



Join Us at the “No Limits” Virtual School Kent Conference!

We’re excited to announce this year’s ***No Limits*** Virtual School Kent Conference on **Wednesday 7th October 2026**, from **10am to 2pm**, at **Detling Showground**.

This inspiring event is designed for **Designated Teachers, Senior Leadership Teams, and the young people they support in Years 8 to 13**. Together, we’ll explore ambition, resilience, and what it truly means to aspire without limits.

We’re also thrilled to welcome our guest speaker, **Alfie Watts – Winner of Race Across the World**, who will be sharing his remarkable journey and the lessons he learned along the way.

Please save the date and start planning which young people you’d like to bring—this is an event they won’t want to miss!

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