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Date	Title	Description	Links	Who's this open to?
Saturday 16 th September 2023 12pm – 2pm	Early Years Family Picnic Birches Valley Forest Centre – WS15 2UQ	Come and join the Virtual School Early Years Team for a group picnic on Cannock Chase with the opportunity to explore the Zog Trail, go on an exciting bug hunt, or play on the park afterwards if you wish! There will be some fun goodies for all children to take home too!	Click here to book your place now! For more information, please contact sophies.davies@staffordshire.gov.uk	This is open to Early Years Staffordshire Children in Care and their Foster Family.
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.

<p>Saturday 30th September 2023 9.45am – 4pm</p>	<p>Get Outdoors! Laches Wood</p>	<p>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!</p>	<p>Or CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW</p>	<p>This is open to Staffordshire Children in care who have transitioned into a new school in September 2023.</p>
<p>Thursday 12th October 2024 5pm – 6pm</p>	<p>Duke of Edinburgh information session Online</p>	<p>Calling all Yr 10+11's. 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 5pm – 6pm</p>	<p>Duke of Edinburgh information session Online</p>	<p>Calling all Yr 10+11's. 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>Guided family walk from ilam hall in the Peak District taking in the beautiful Dovedale Valley.</p>	<p>To view the flyer to this event please email becky.woolridge@staffordshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>This is open to Staffordshire Children in</p>

	Peak District	<p>Parking is £4 at ilam hall, or FREE for National Trust members.</p> <p>Arrival at 9.45am for a prompt 10am start. approximately 130 of ascent.</p> <p>Toilets, parking and café at ilam hall.</p> <p>Distance is approximately 7km/4.3 miles with an estimated time of 2.5 hours to complete</p>	<p>Or CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW</p>	<p>Care and their foster carers.</p> <p>Parents/carers can bring their own children if they are bringing a child in care.</p>
<p>Tuesday 31st October 2023 10am – 12pm</p>	<p>DJ Workshop</p> <p>Sir Stanley Matthews Academy</p>	<p>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!</p>	<p>Flyer and booking link will be available soon.</p> <p>To reserve a place please email becky.woolridge@staffordshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>This is open to children in care linked to Staffordshire Virtual School and reside in and around the surrounding area.</p> <p>Ages: 8 years and above</p>
<p>Tuesday 31st October 2023 1pm-3pm</p>	<p>Bollywood Dance</p> <p>Sir Stanley Matthews Academy</p>	<p>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!</p> <p>These workshops encourage children to explore the diverse sounds and dance of a different culture, a session filled with vibrancy of the subcontinent</p>	<p>Click here to book your place now!</p>	<p>This is open to Staffordshire and Stoke children in care and is suitable for Ages: 7 years and above</p>
<p>Tuesday 31st October 2023 1pm-3pm</p>	<p>Diya Painting Workshop</p> <p>Sir Stanley Matthews Academy</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Click here to book your place now!</p>	<p>This is open to Staffordshire and Stoke children in care and is suitable for Ages: 7 years and above</p>

		forcing light upon darkness bringing hope and prosperity to all.		
Friday 3 rd November 2023 10.30am – 1pm	Women in Theatre performance Birmingham B4 7XR	Following the Women in Theatre project in August 2023, those who participated in the 3 days of dance and drama activities have been invited to see a Women in Theatre Performance	Places for this have already been allocated to those who participated in the project.	This is for the young people who attended the Women in Theatre project in August 2023
Thursday 9 th November 2023 Sessions between 3.30pm – 5pm (official times TBC)	Mini Movers – Dance sessions for diddy dancers. Northfield Centre, Stafford	Come and join us to learn some new dance moves, meet new friends and have a giggle! These will be weekly and FREE of charge! Refreshments will be available and no experience necessary! The sessions will take place every Thursday for 6 weeks 😊	Booking link to come soon.	Staffordshire Children in Care aged 3 to 6
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	<u>CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!!</u>	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	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		This is open to Staffordshire Children in Care aged 4 years old up to 11 years old

	Centre, Maquis Drive, Cannock	<p>winners will receive panto tickets to go and see the Nutcracker at the New Vic Theatre in Stoke!!</p> <p>Festive refreshments will be available on the day 😊</p> <p><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!</i></p> <p><i>Please send all finished art work to becky.woolridge@staffordshire.gov.uk by 16th December 2023!</i></p>		
25 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	
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 12pm – 6pm (approximately)	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	<p>Can you create something unique with random words, thoughts and ideas?</p> <p>Join us for a fun workshop to unlock your imagination and word skills to create your very own lyrical ‘mash-up’</p> <p>Suitable for children aged 8-14 years old.</p>	CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!	This is open to Staffordshire Children in Care aged 8-14 years old

Saturday 3 rd February 2024 Times TBC	Give it a go Multi-Sports Experience Day	More information to come	More information to come	This is open to Staffordshire & Stoke Children in Care
Monday 12 th February 2024 Times TBC	Stoke City Football Club Sports Activities & Stadium Tour	Staffordshire and Stoke Virtual School have teamed up with Stoke City Football Club to offer an exciting day at the stadium for 60 children and young people to take part in some sporting activities, stadium tour, quizzes and career advice for the older audience! We have 30 spaces for Primary school aged students and 30 spaces for Secondary aged students. Times may be between 10am and 3pm but this is yet to be confirmed!	Booking link will be available.	This is open to Staffordshire and Stoke Children in Care. 30 spaces available for Primary aged children. 30 spaces available for Secondary School aged young people.
Tuesday 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 14 th February 2024	Explore Arts Award in a day! CMT Venue TBC	For those who have completed discover arts award and want to progress, join us to learn new skills and gain another qualification!	More information to come soon	
Thursday 15 th February Times TBC	Glow in the Dark sports activity day! Location TBC (Lichfield/Cannock)	Staffordshire Virtual School have teamed up with Active Lichfield to put on a glow in the dark sports activity day! A range of sporting activities will be available such as dodgeball and table tennis! Come and join us for a day full of glowing fun!	More information to come	This is open to Staffordshire children in care ages between 10 years old and 14 years old.
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	More info come		
Tuesday 26 th March 2024	Explore Arts Award in a day! CMT	For those who have completed discover arts award and want to progress, join us to learn new skills and gain another qualification!		
Tuesday 26 th March 2024	Discover Arts Award in a day	join us to learn new skills and gain a accredited qualification!		
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	For those who have completed discover/explore arts award and want to progress, join us to learn new skills and gain another qualification over the course of 4 days!	Link will be available soon	
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
14 th September 2024	Cluster activity with Stoke - ARTS	More information to come		This activity is open to Staffordshire and Stoke Children in care

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