

Norfolk Study Support & Playing for Success Update

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Welcome to Norfolk Children's Services Study Support and Playing for Success newsletter: this is intended to be a termly edition which highlights good practice, offers advice and news about Out of School Hours Learning across Norfolk.

Study Support is learning activity outside normal lessons which young people take part in voluntarily. Study Support is, accordingly, an inclusive term, embracing many activities, with many names and guises. Its purpose is to improve young people's motivation, build their self-esteem and help them become more effective learners. Above all it aims to raise achievement.

Extending Opportunity: a national framework for Study Support, DfEE 1998

This is still the most often quoted definition of Study Support and sums up neatly its purpose.

Study Support and PfS have recently undergone a re-structure in Norfolk and now sits in the Community Learning & Development Service alongside other services such as Youth Strategy, Music, Sport, Environmental Education, Outdoor Education, Field Centres and Arts Development. This has enabled Study Support to have a direct impact on planning in the new Children's Services Service Plan.

This first newsletter is designed to inform schools of our service aims as well as introducing Study Support personnel. There is also a retrospective view of the various PfS activities currently operating in the county.

The Study Support Service aims to:

- Encourage extended learning and tuition
- Engage young people in their learning
- Offer advice and training opportunities relating to Study Support
- Encourage schools to quality assure their Study Support programmes
- Enable young people to participate and contribute to their schools and wider community
- Provide high quality Playing for Success initiatives
- Share good practice through newsletter and websites
- Access University of the First Age activities and benefits

"By engaging young people in activities which may be far from academic, in ways that they enjoy, and in environments in which they feel safe and supported, Study Support raises their motivation, their self esteem and ultimately, their attainment" - The Rt Hon Alan Johnson MP, Secretary of State for Education and Skills.



Study Support activities linked to ECM outcomes

This is not an exhaustive list but is a good reference guide to how a schools Study Support activities can be linked to the 5 Every Child Matters outcomes.

-  Being healthy
-  Staying safe
-  Enjoying and achieving
-  Making a positive contribution
-  Achieving economic well-being





Playing for Success

The initiative is a partnership between DfES, Local Authorities and local sports clubs. The Centres use the environment of and medium of sport as motivational tools to raise standards of Literacy, Numeracy and ICT.

Playing for Success (PfS) has been operating in Norfolk since 1999 when the Norwich City Football Club Study Centre was opened. The centre has since moved to purpose built facilities at Carrow Road and offers a huge range of Study Support activities to local schools. The PfS 'family' in Norfolk now boasts the King's Lynn Stars Study Centre, the Viking Learning Centre at North Walsham Rugby Football Club and PfS programmes at all 6 Norfolk Specialist Sports Colleges. Future developments include PfS at Sedgeford Premier Racquets and Fitness and a KS2 satellite initiative at a Norwich Middle School.

For schools looking to organise visits/sessions to the centres then please contact the numbers below. This can be Yr 6/7 transition, SATs booster, marketing, literacy and numeracy sessions, family learning, history days, work related learning to name a few!

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Coming up.....

Official launch of King's Lynn Stars Study Centre by Patrick Hacon, Chairman of Norfolk County Council

Summer Challenge 07— An invitation for Norfolk's UFA partner schools to take part in the Summer Challenge, a 25 hour week for young people that culminates in a product, presentation, show or performance

Community Fellowship Training - In partnership with UFA opportunities for adults other than teachers who work directly with young people. It's an 8 day model, Days 1 and 2 on 17 & 18 May, Days 3 and 4 on 14 & 15 June and Day 5 on 6 July 2007 all based at the Norwich City Football Club Study Centre. All of these days will run from 9.15 to 3.30 with refreshments and a light lunch included. In addition there will be two delivery days and one report day that complete the training. Cost is £200 per place for the whole course. Please contact Keith Grainger on 01603 224313 or Jean Bain on 01603 222361 for further details.

Easter Holiday Activities - There is a full range of holiday courses on offer at the PfS Centres during the Easter Break. Please contact the Centres direct for further details.

Finally.... we would like to highlight and celebrate good practice from across the county so please contact us with your views, pictures, comments and ideas for Study Support. Email with relevant permissions to: lorraine.crabb@norfolk.gov.uk