



# VSH Update July 2015

## Welcome

“ Welcome to our second news update for Virtual School Heads. We now have many Virtual Schools across the country using our Mobile Learning Library and developing a wide range of approaches to get the most out of it. We’re continuing to learn about how best to help you and your colleagues support young learners, and look forward to helping as many children as possible minimise summer learning loss with extra learning opportunities during the holiday. ”

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Senior Editor, Mobile Learning Library

*Local authorities signed up to our Mobile Learning Library*



Bexley  
Birmingham  
Bromley  
Cambridgeshire  
Croydon  
Cumbria  
Derby City  
East Sussex  
Gloucestershire  
Hackney  
Hampshire  
Kensington & Chelsea  
Leicester City

Luton  
Norfolk  
North Lincolnshire  
Peterborough  
Poole  
Salford  
Somerset  
Southampton  
Southend  
Suffolk  
Wakefield  
West Sussex  
Windsor and Maidenhead

## Imaginative, varied uses

Different Virtual Schools are planning to use our mobile learning resources in different ways, such as providing support for:

- › specific year groups (eg Years 5 and 6 and Years 10 and 11)
- › LAC in children’s homes
- › learners out of school
- › unaccompanied children seeking asylum
- › post-16 groups resitting GCSE English and Mathematics
- › individuals receiving one-to-one tuition.

Some teams are working closely with foster parents, others with designated teachers and their colleagues in mainstream schools. In some cases, Virtual Schools are integrating our mobile learning resources into summer schools and other events planned for July and August.





## Increased support

As our experience widens and deepens, we are ever better placed to support Virtual Schools through:

- › guiding virtual headteachers through the initial decision making process
- › offering carefully targeted briefing and training sessions to groups of staff, foster carers and designated teachers
- › providing administrative support for organising groups and allocating publications
- › helping to minimise safeguarding issues around data
- › producing tailored literature to help launch programmes
- › continuing to offer telephone and email assistance.

Virtual Schools who have already signed up tell us that they particularly value the tailored nature of the service, and the price model where a single price covers all resources and support.

## More to come

In addition to the wide selection of publications already available, a number of additional titles are in production and are due for release in the coming months. All will become instantly available to you and your learners.

New material will include:

- › new versions of **GCSE English** and **Mathematics** for the revised specifications (first exams Summer 2017)
- › English for speakers of other languages (ESOL)
- › mini libraries of publications for Life Skills and Employability Skills
- › a course based around the Arts Award
- › guidance and practice materials for GCSE French speaking exams.

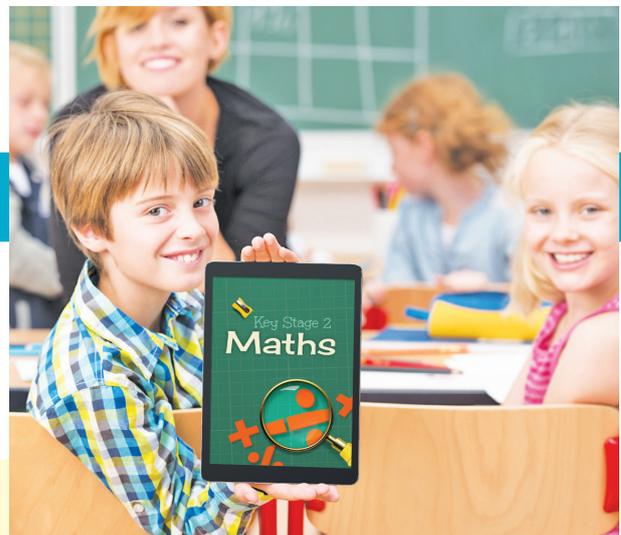
As with the other publications, these will all be included in the licence price, making it even better value.

## Savings still available

This year, the cost of a library for each of your young people is **£40<sup>+VAT</sup>**. That's approximately the cost of just one hour of one-to-one tuition and it gives full access right the way through to August 2016. From this September, yearly prices will go up to **£50<sup>+VAT</sup>**, so hurry to take advantage of significant cost savings.

Don't forget, with any order you can still take advantage of our premium support services:

- › Admin support
- › Setup support
- › Staff training
- › Flexible licensing



## Find out more

Contact Jacquie at Pearson Publishing – **01223 350555** or **j.cox@pearson.co.uk** – to make an order, to request a brochure about mobile learning for LAC, or to arrange a free visit from us. You can also preview the library at: [www.pearsonpublishing.co.uk/resources/mobile](http://www.pearsonpublishing.co.uk/resources/mobile).



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