

With the new academic year upon us, we have been busy with many of you over the holidays setting up programmes with the Mobile Learner's Library. Best of luck to all concerned.

“ As you will see from the articles that follow, we are now working with many of your existing partners across the alternative, additional and specialist provision sector. We are also seeing renewed interest in *Track*, our online database specifically designed for Virtual Schools. We look forward to continuing our discussions with an increasing number of you. Have a great term! ”

Sarah Hardstaff  
Senior Editor, Mobile Learning Library



## Working with related organisations

In addition to the Virtual School programmes, we are now helping alternative provision schools and are in discussion with special schools, fostering agencies, tuition providers and charities helping LAC and care leavers.

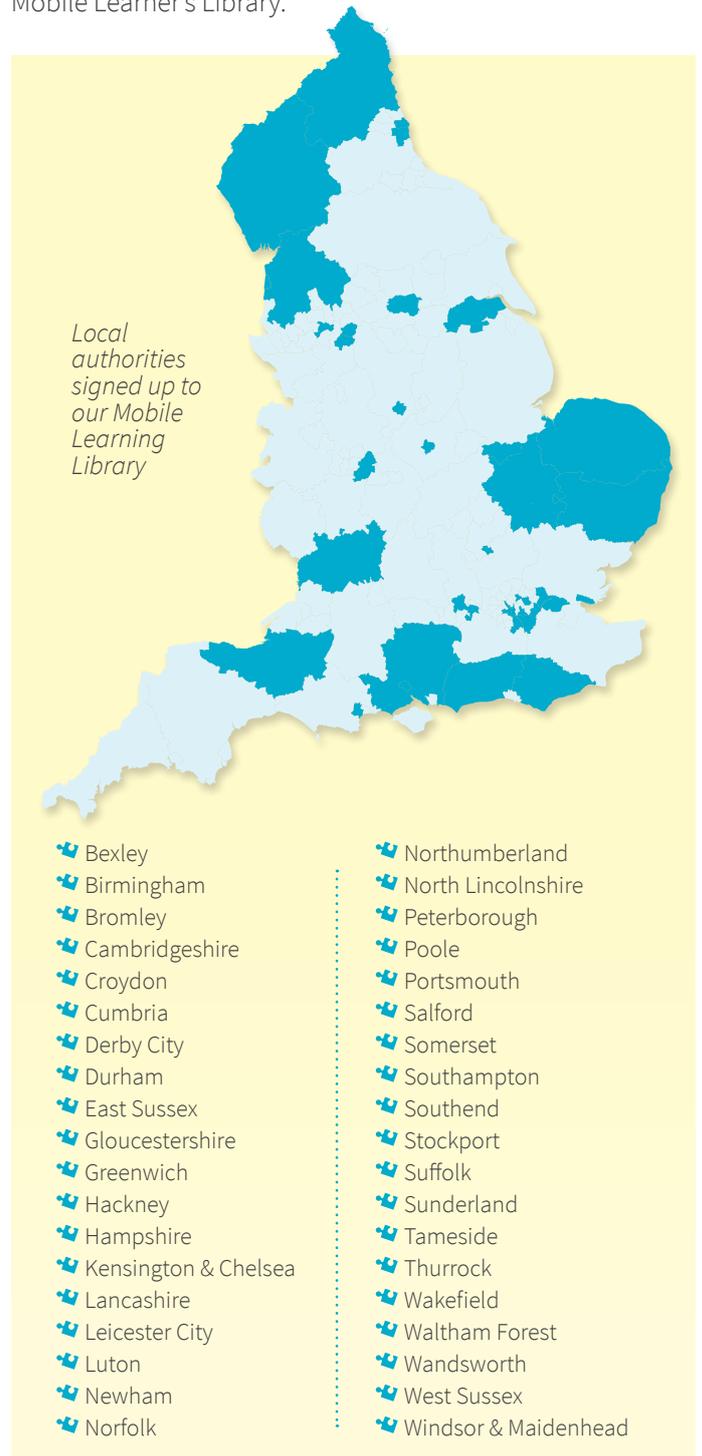
Similarly, we appreciate that many heads of Virtual Schools also have a brief that includes alternative provision: let us know how we can develop our service to help those of you in this position more successfully.



Ben at the PRUSAP conference in July

## Gaining momentum

Virtual Schools now using Pearson Publishing's Mobile Learner's Library.



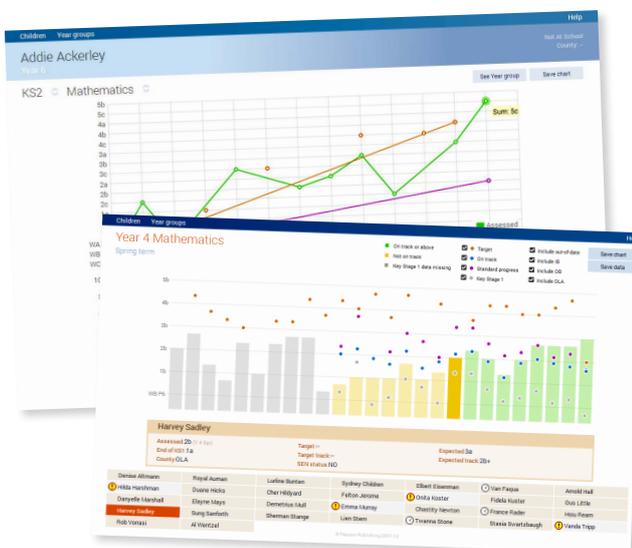


## Have your say

We are always keen to seek the views of the experts - you - and so encourage feedback and new ideas. For example:

- › How could we do more to help you?
- › What changes could we make?
- › How are you using our mobile learning system?
- › Who are your important partners?

Either ring **01223 350555** and ask for Sarah Hardstaff or email [vshupdate@pearson.co.uk](mailto:vshupdate@pearson.co.uk).



## More to come

In the last edition of *VSH Update*, we mentioned some of the additional publications that are currently being prepared for the Mobile Learner's Library, including GCSE English and Maths for the new exam specifications, and a set of ESOL titles. We are now planning a further selection in response to your requests and suggestions, to provide extra resources for your learners, and also increase support for your team, foster carers, designated teachers and other professionals.

Proposed titles include:

- › Building self-esteem
- › Relaxation techniques
- › Preparing for employment
- › Teenage life - a guide for foster carers
- › A guide for Virtual School teams.

## London conference

In response to the rapidly growing interest in our mobile learning programme, we are now planning a half day event for Virtual School Heads in London in early November. More details will follow shortly. If you wish to present or contribute in other ways, please contact Ben Meagher on **07530 681 355** or [b.meagher@pearson.co.uk](mailto:b.meagher@pearson.co.uk). We look forward to hearing from you.



**Track** is a tried and tested online database specifically designed for Virtual Schools. It allows you to record, update, store, share and report on, for example:

- › basic information on each child including: care placement, school, social worker plus interests and hobbies
- › graphical summaries of educational progress
- › school attendance
- › PEPs and other documents

With Pupil Premium Plus under the control of the Virtual School Head, authorities are now looking at how **Track** could save time, improve outcomes and be paid for with a very small proportion of each Looked After Child's Pupil Premium Plus.

Please ring **01223 350555** to discuss **Track** in more detail.



## Find out more

Contact Jacquie at Pearson Publishing – **01223 350555** or [j.cox@pearson.co.uk](mailto: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.pearson.co.uk/for-virtual-schools.html](http://www.pearson.co.uk/for-virtual-schools.html).



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