

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROVISION



Nick MacBean joined REACH in the Autumn Term of 2016. Nick has brought a host of additional skills to the team from his SEN background at Fairmead. Nick has quickly become a very valued member of the team.

SPRING 2017 UPDATE

2016 has been a fantastic year for REACH. We have been privileged to serve and support so many inspirational and talented students over the year, including the capturing of skills, motivation and growth for so many that we have worked with. We have welcomed many new partnerships with new schools, some of which are cross border but also embedded stronger joint working, better reviews and quality assurance processes. Our team has continued to grow and develop with our annual staff training residential forming an integral part of learning towards our new attainment objectives. We very much look forward to all of what 2017 brings us and for our ongoing partnerships with you all. **Dan Palmer (Director) REACH.**

DISSERTATION REPORT

Rosie Parry has conducted a research study as part of her Psychology Masters for the University of Bristol. This qualitative research study was based around young people's motivation and the impact of alternative education / REACH on this motivation. This was carried out through observations at REACH, visits to schools and families and interviews with our staff. The findings of this report make interesting and positive reading and have been shared with us and the schools. A copy of this is available upon request.

A NORMAL DAY AT REACH?!

9.00am – Staff briefing for the day

9.30am – Students arrive at our base

Students make and share breakfast / share social time with staff/ group work / team games / discussion of the plan for the day including the learning objectives

10.30am – Visit offsite to complete activity / challenges / life skill / opportunity

1.00pm – Return to cook lunch together at base / team games / sport and social time.

2.00pm – Closing discussions / learning review / outline of next week

2.30pm – Students depart

2.45pm – Staff de-brief as team

Staff complete written reports of the day.

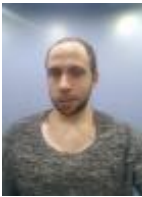
SOMERSET CHOICES / LOCAL OFFER

REACH has signed up to the Somerset Local Offer with its commitment of service and provision available across the County. Further information can be found on the Somerset Choices Website.

“REACH gives me a day out of school so I can focus. It makes me feel safe. The staff are helpful and I feel able to talk to them. There is a good range of activities” Castle - Year 10 student



Heidi Killeen joined REACH in 2016 as a volunteer and now works as a team assistant supporting staff and students with day to day tasks. Heidi is also a youth worker in training at our evening youth centre provision.



Welcome to Jon O'Shea. Jon joins REACH in February 2017. Jon brings his experience as a specialist drugs and alcohol worker along with his knowledge as a personal trainer. We very much welcome Jon and look forward to the support and learning he can give our students.

FURTHER REACH DEVELOPMENTS

- Consultations on potential REACH satellite base operations from 2018
- Exploration of need for alternative education for KS1 & KS2 in Somerset
- Development of peer supervision within REACH team, on top of line management supervision. New training and development calendar and summer staff training residential.
- Further use of Somerset Psychology service for staff development
- Base role developments – additional time and support to schools / students and staff by development of an additional layer of support

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Somerset County Council has once again completed its Quality Assurance visit on REACH. We are very pleased with this detailed feedback. This report is available through the Bridge School Bridgwater. Julie Perks (Consultant Headteacher) has also completed an external QA visit, this was joined with various school visits back in the Autumn. All reports are available on request and detail some really positive reflections and learning opportunities for students, with acknowledgment of strong safeguarding, policy and procedure systems and REACH staff feeling they are part of a strong and successful team.

COME & VISIT US

We are launching our drop in slots from 2017 for schools and agencies to come in to our base, meet the team, view policies and procedures and complete quality assurance visits. Dates will be emailed out. However, please feel free to arrange to visit anytime via the contact details below.



Quote taken from South Somerset Partnership School OFSTED Report October 2014:

"REACH, ensures excellent one to one and small group work that helps significantly improve social and emotional development for those who need it"



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