

# Elective Home Education Newsletter

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## Meet the Team



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## College Open Days 2026

There are still upcoming dates of open day events at some colleges which can be a helpful way in determining options for after Yr11.

Newbury College open event on 11th March 2026 from 4pm – 7pm  
[Open Event](#)

[BCOT Open Event: 27 April 2026 Tickets, Mon 27 Apr 2026 at 16:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Queen Mary's College is 16th April 2026 5-8pm [College Open Days Basingstoke | Hampshire College Open Days](#)

The Berkshire College of Agriculture (BCA) is on 18th April 2026 10am – 2pm [COMING TO OUR OPEN DAY? - Berkshire College of Agriculture - BCA](#)

Sparsholt College SEN open event on 23rd April 2026 [Foundation Open Events - Booking Form - Sparsholt College Hampshire](#)

Andover College (part of Sparsholt College) 22nd April 2026 4pm – 6pm [Foundation Open evenings - Andover College | Hampshire](#)

## BBC Bitesize for Home Education

There are a vast range of free resources to explore that support home education and one that is widely used is BBC Bitesize.

We have selected a few that offer ways to get the most out of BBC Bitesize's resources. Please click on the links to find out more.

[How can Bitesize help me to home educate my child aged 5-11? - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Free downloadable home education resources for 5-11 year olds - BBC Bitesize](#)

[How do I use Bitesize to home educate my child aged 11-16? - BBC Bitesize](#)

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## Libraries

West Berkshire is home to eight libraries and offer free membership and a great space to visit or for young people to study from.

You can register for membership by completing an online form or by visiting a local library in person. Our Libraries offer a wide range of resources, including computers with internet access, printing services, and a variety of other activities. To find out more or to register for a membership you can visit [Libraries - West Berkshire Council](#)

We are also pleased to share that Newbury Library are hosting a monthly Book Club for EHE children aged 9-15.

The next session is Friday 13th March 1.30pm to 2.30pm and they are reading the Arthur Ransome, Swallows and Amazon books.

Anyone interested in joining the group pop along to the next session or you can contact [andrew.bone1@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.bone1@westberks.gov.uk) for more information.

## Safeguarding & Online Safety

Education about Online Safety is essential to help children understand the potential risks they may encounter online. Some helpful online resources include:

[CEOP Education](#) - delivers age-appropriate education for 4-18 year olds.

[Childnet — Online safety for young people](#) - provides resources for children and parents including the "ReelLife," a tool for 9-14 year olds to understand social media risks.

[Online safety resources and guides | NSPCC Learning](#) - Offers guides on social media, apps, and games.

## SEND

West Berkshire's Autism Team offer a wide range of courses for parents of SEND young people that run throughout the year.

To view and book courses online visit [www.westberkseducation.co.uk/training](http://www.westberkseducation.co.uk/training)

Telephone: **01635 503033**

Email: [training@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:training@westberks.gov.uk)

Or to contact the SEN team please call **01635 519713**.

You can also find out more at

[Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) Local Offer - West Berkshire Council](#)

## Health & Emotional Wellbeing

If you have any concerns about the mental health of your child/ren, please access support through your GP service, or online through resources such as:

[Anxiety and Anxiety Disorders | Signs and symptoms | YoungMinds](#) - a guide for young people.

[Supporting A Child With Anxiety | Tips and Advice | YoungMinds](#) - a guide for parents and carers.

[Apps - stem4](#) - offering Apps, available on Apple and Google Store, tailored for teenagers including Clear Fear - for anxiety

management, Move Mood - for improving low mood and Combined Minds - to help families and friends provide mental health support.

[Calm zone | Childline](#) - activities and tools to help manage stress.

Our health partners are contactable for information regarding health matters, including vaccinations and can be contacted via the details below:

Berkshire Healthcare  
Immunisation Team

Telephone: **0300 365 0077**

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