

# Vega College Newsletter

## **Appreciation!**

As we near the close of our College's academic year and head into the summer break, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all our dedicated staff who have worked hard to ensure our students have had a successful year.

All of our Year 11 students have now left after sitting their GCSE's and we have welcomed ten new students with more starting on our return in September.

This year, as a College, our students have achieved 41 AQA qualifications and 32 ASDAN qualifications, and we are proud of each and every one of them for all they achieve! I would like to wish everyone a safe summer break and we look forward to welcoming staff and students back in September.



Emma Wragg Head of College

### **KEY DATES**

Summer Holiday Holiday Starts:

Friday 21st July 2023

Back to College:

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

MACMILLAN COFFEE DAY – VEGA COLLEGE 29<sup>TH</sup> September 2023

**Autumn Half Term Holiday Starts:** 

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Back to College:** 

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023



## **#TEAMVEGA**

- All core subjects are still being taught.
- Our students continue to enjoy their afternoon project work where they study a subject of their choice.
- We continue to build our students employability skills with a specific focus on creativity which will follow through into the new academic year.
- Students have been on a skills builder trip to Rother Valley Country Park where they go to enjoy some time to focus on their mental health and social skills.



## **Uniform Expectations:**

Vega College does not have a uniform policy; however, we do ask that all students wear clothes that cover them appropriately and reflect that they are accessing college as young adults.



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#### **OTHER NEWS:**

**Attendance:** Students with higher attendance at school achieve better qualifications. We will be working closely with families over the next term to improve attendance rates. Please check individual student attendance with the mainstream school and our admin assistant at Vega.

Attendance Ladder		
0 days	100%	Perfect
4 days	98%	Impressive
7 days	96%	Good
9 days	95%	Nearly There
		Needs to
11 days	94%	Improve
20 days	90%	Concerns
		Serious
30 days	85%	Concerns





### **ASPIRE**

#### **Skills Builder:**

Students have been working on their creativity skills designing theatre masks to showcase their unique individual designs and personality.

#### **Work Placements:**

This term we have had a student start their work placement with a construction company who build bespoke houses.

We have also had numerous students visit Edlington Hill Top Centre with a few students starting work placements there in various roles after the summer break.



## **TEACHING AND LEARNING**

This half term students have been studying famous explorer's; Robert Scott's diary and an interview with Sir Edmund Hillary, students also chose their own explorer to research and present.

Students compared both explorers for similarities and differences.

We continue to follow the GCSE maths programme but also take part in outside activities linked to the topics.

We have also looked at scientific discoveries made in the 1950's in line with our topic such as the breakthrough of controlling diabetes and knowledge of chromosomes, students have gained AQA certificates in lifestyle activities by planning and taking part in visits that we have been on this half term such as Doncaster Museum, Epic, Doncaster Wool Market and Rother Valley Country Park.



**Meet the Team:** In each newsletter we will introduce a member of the Team, this time we meet Miss Burton. Miss Burton is a Learning Mentor at Vega College. She is a qualified teacher with many years of experience teaching secondary aged pupils. Miss Burton has recently completed an Introduction to Counselling course which she feels will benefit our students. Miss Burton is passionate about creating opportunities for young people and always puts pupil's health and well-being at the forefront of their education.