

## Positivity!

As we head into the first break of the school year, 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 start to the year so far.

All our Year 11 students have now left and have made way for all our new pupils who started in September.

All new students are settling in and we have had a really positive start to the new academic year.

I would like to wish everyone a safe Autumn break and we look forward to welcoming staff and students back as we look towards winter and the festive season.

**Emma Wragg**  
**Head of College**



## KEY DATES

### Autum Half Term

#### Holiday Starts:

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

#### Back to College:

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

### Christmas Holiday

#### Holiday Starts:

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

#### Back to College:

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 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 to achieve their AQA and ASDAN certificates.
- 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 working on their speaking, listening and teambuilding as part of their skills builder.



## 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.

## 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
11 days	94%	Needs to Improve
20 days	90%	Concerns
30 days	85%	Serious Concerns



## ASPIRE

### Skills Builder:

Students have been working on their Teamwork skills planning, budgeting, and making a buffet for Reverend Ian Smith's visit.

### Work Placements:

This term we have had two students offered a work placement at a hairdresser in Doncaster. We have also had one student show an interest in serving in the café at Balby Church.



## TEACHING AND LEARNING

This half term students have continued to study the famous explorer: Robert Scott's and the achievements of Roald Amundsen.

We continue to follow the GCSE maths program.

We have looked at oils in science, their uses and what would happen if they were no longer available, as well as studying atoms and the chemistry of the atmosphere.

Students have been working on their speaking and listening with a visit from Reverend Ian Smith of Balby St Johns Church and a visit to the church to donate clothes and food for the community. They have also been on a teambuilding exercise with a trip to Austerfield visitor's centre where they built dens and toasted marshmallows over a fire they built.



**Meet the Team:** Emma is currently Head of Provision and Designated Safeguarding Lead at Vega College. Prior to this she was Assistant Head and SENDCO at Spa Academy in Askern. Emma has been teaching across all of the key stages since 1998 with specialism in SEN and inclusion throughout her career. Emma is passionate about inclusion and equality for all.