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Dear Parents / Guardians

**Re: Vega Update**

I am writing to you to thank you for your continued support with our recent changes and expectations at Vega College, we have been impressed by the start many of our students have made and how they have adapted to the changes. In our college, learning is a priority and we are working hard to give your child the best chances to achieve their GCSE's and future aspirations.

We are still experiencing some concerns with some students using their mobile phones during learning time. All students have access to their mobile phones at both break and lunchtime because we feel that this is appropriate in a college environment for young adults. We do not allow mobile phone usage during learning time, for all the right reasons, we prioritise learning, work and develop respectful relationships and we create a safe culture where students thrive.

In promoting our standards, staff will give daily reminders in learning time to your child about the expectations of mobile phones. We ask that you support us by reinforcing these expectations with your child. You will be contacted by our pastoral team if your child fails to comply to these expectations and disrupts theirs and others learning. Further consequences can be applied by your child's school if required to ensure Vega College is thriving provision for our young people.

As we head into half term, I would like to take this opportunity to say a thank you to Mrs Davis who has worked hard and stepped in as Interim Head, and also welcome Mrs Galloway who going forward has been appointed Vega Colleges Educational and Pastoral Lead, while being supported by Miss Proctor who has been appointed as Director of School Improvement and Inclusion.



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# Vega College Newsletter

February 2024

## Progress!

Heading into the new year Vega has welcomed new staff members and an interim Head of College, Debbie Davis, who have all settled into their roles.

We have welcomed new students this term and all new and past students have worked hard with the new staff team.

Debbie Davis, Interim Head of College said "Vega is a college that cares! Our students are so important to us, and we delight in seeing them learning every day. I work in lots of schools and colleges and Vega should be especially proud of the meaningful working relationships that exist between staff and students.

I wish all of the students at Vega the very best for the future and know that success is imminent for them."



## KEY DATES

### **Spring Half Term Holiday Starts:**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### **Back to College:**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### **Easter Holiday Holiday Starts:**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### **Back to College:**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### **May Bank Holiday**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024



## #TEAMVEGA

- All core subjects are still being taught with subject specialists.
- Our students continue to enjoy their afternoons studying PSHE, personal development and sport.
- We continue to build our students employability skills with a specific focus on speaking this term which will follow through into the next half term.



## 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 employability skills, focusing on speaking.

### Work Placements:

Students with current work placements continue to flourish with one student being offered a full-time position once he has finished college, which he has accepted.

Going forward we will be looking to invite businesses into Vega to provide motivational talks and workshops in order to enhance our employability skills offer.



## TEACHING AND LEARNING

This half term students have been taught all core subjects with a focus on our new curriculum, this has been designed in collaboration with all mainstream settings that we work with to ensure full personalised coverage of the core GCSE subjects.

Year 9 and 10 have been focusing on volume, area and circumference in maths, while Year 11 have been looking at geometry, measurements and percentages.

During Science Year 9 and 10 have been looking at diabetes while Year 11 have been looking at the three main states of matter.

Year 9 and 10 have been analysing text from WW2 in English while Year 11 have been studying text on hostile environments.

In an afternoon during PSHE, love and relationships has been the topic.



### Meet the Team: Miss Cross

Miss Cross joins us from Sir Thomas Wharton and is our Pastoral Support. She is looking forward to supporting all of the pupils and working with them and their families. Miss Cross is passionate about creating opportunities for young people and always puts pupil's health and well-being at the forefront of their education.