



Vega College Newsletter

Integrity!

Since our return in September, we have had a very busy and positive start to the new academic year. Although not yet in our new building, we aim to be in situ when we return after the Christmas holidays and will keep parents and students updated with this plan.

Our Learning Mentor has been busy organising work experience placements for students and has secured a further nine, which include work placements in salons, local primary schools and conservation volunteers. Serenity Salon have taken two of our new students and Doncaster Conservation Volunteers have offered work opportunities to six students. These experiences provide our students with invaluable insight into the world of work.

We have updated our Behaviour Policy to include the new guidelines around mobile devices. Our students have been amazing and fully embraced our new system where phones are now stored securely in pupil lockers only to be used at social times. This has massively improved engagement in lessons.

We are looking forward to our next half term as we head towards Christmas and have lots of plans for work-based experiences in the community as well as team building trips, including to Rufford park and Austerfield.

We are excited at the prospect of opening our new building, which will facilitate the expansion of the College and the space to offer our students more opportunities to learn new skills. We are looking forward to our grand opening in January! We would like to thank all of our staff who have worked hard this term supporting our students.



Head of College – Miss G Galloway

KEY DATES

Autumn Half-Term: 25th October – 28th October

College Reopens: Monday 28th October

Christmas Break: 20th December – 6th January

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- 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 focus on speaking and listening.
- Year 10 students are currently completing their GCSE Mock exams.

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



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Employability:

Students have been working on their employability skills, focusing on speaking and listening.

Work Placements:

Students with current work placements continue to flourish and nine further students have begun new work placements. We are working on securing work placement opportunities for the remainder of the cohort.

This term we have visited Doncaster Museum, Austerfield and Rufford Park as well as completing orienteering to support our speaking and listening targets.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

This half term students have continued to be taught all core subjects focusing on our new curriculum. In Maths, Year 9 have been studying averages and ratios and Year 10 have been focusing on ratio and angles.

During Science, Year 9 have been studying atoms and Year 10 have been looking at balancing scientific equations. Year 11 have been studying Forces.

In English Year 9 have been comparing and analysing texts, whilst Year 10 have been looking at articles and racism. Year 11 have been looking at structuring answers for English language.

In the afternoons students have completed PSHE looking at mental health as well as completing some sport activities and a number of work related AQA Qualifications.



Meet the Team: Miss Vickers

Miss Vickers joined Vega as our receptionist at the start of the new academic year. She has worked in a range of office-based roles and is enthusiastic about joining the education workforce and is passionate about supporting our college, staff and students.