

Merry Christmas!

This has been an extremely busy half term and we have welcomed a number of new students to Vega as we look to expand in the New Year.

We have secured more work placements for students, including several in trades, whilst students in Year 9 continue to access conservation volunteers. Serenity Salon has taken two of our new students and we are looking at securing work placements with Cast Theatre and Savoy Cinema in the new year. These experiences provide our students with invaluable insight into the world of work.

This term we have set up homework on line for all students and this is working well and supporting classroom learning.

We have enjoyed lots of Christmas experiences with students during the whole of December with trips to Wentworth Woodhouse to see the Reindeers, Rufford Park, Austerfield, a tour of Cusworth Hall Museum and grounds, a visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park and lots hot chocolates and marshmallows!

We are now in the process of completing our move to our new site and are so excited at the prospect of opening our new building in January and welcoming more and more students from all across Doncaster. The expansion of the College and the space to offer our students more opportunities to learn new skills is now a reality.

We are looking forward to our grand opening at the end of January and I would like to thank all of our staff who have worked hard this term supporting our students, and the Trust for working so hard to get our new site ready for us.



Head of Provision – Miss G Galloway

KEY DATES

Date: Autumn Term

20th December: End of Term

Half-Term: 20th Dec – 6th Jan

School Reopens: Monday 6th January 2025



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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.
- Year 11 students have completed their last 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 problem solving and creativity.

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 Cusworth Museum and the wildlife park as well as completing several walks with the Conservation Volunteers.



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 BIDMASS and Charts, Year 10 have studied perimeter and Fractions and Year 11 have looked at Sequences and Averages.

During Science, Year 9 have been studying Osmosis and Year 10 have been looking at mass and equations. Year 11 have been studying evolution.

In English Year 9 have been studying a Christmas carol whilst Year 10 have been looking at An Inspector calls. Year 11 have been looking at Poetry and past papers.

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

Meet the Team:

We have appointed two new members of staff who will join us in the new year, they will further strengthen our team and support our growing student base. We will share more about these appointments in our newsletter next term.