

It's Christmas!

This half term has been a highly productive and enriching time for our school community, offering students a wide range of cultural, educational, and personal development opportunities alongside festive celebrations.

During this period, students took part in two valuable theatre visits. The production of *A Christmas Carol* provided students with a meaningful seasonal experience, encouraging reflection on themes such as compassion, social responsibility, and personal growth. The visit to see *Blood Brothers* supported curriculum learning through its exploration of social inequality, relationships, and the long-term consequences of choices. Both trips were well organised and well received, with students demonstrating excellent behaviour and engagement throughout.

We are proud to have completed a structured programme of positive masculinity group work with KS4 boys. These sessions focused on developing self-awareness, emotional literacy, respectful relationships, and positive decision-making. Students engaged maturely and thoughtfully, contributing to open and respectful discussions that supported their personal development and wellbeing.

Students also benefited from an insightful session delivered by a visiting Imam, which provided an opportunity to deepen their understanding of faith, values, and mutual respect. The session encouraged meaningful dialogue and reflection, and students responded positively, demonstrating curiosity, respect, and thoughtful engagement throughout.

Our Christmas Fayre, held on 16th December, was a great success and a highlight of the term. The event brought together students, families, staff, and members of the wider community, creating a warm and festive atmosphere. A wide range of activities and stalls were enjoyed, and the event showcased the strong sense of community within our college. We would like to thank all those who contributed their time and effort to ensure the success of this event.

As we approach the end of the term, we are extremely proud of our students' participation, conduct, and commitment across all activities. We look forward to building on this positive momentum in the New Year and continuing to provide enriching opportunities that support both academic achievement and personal development.

Head of College – Miss G Galloway



KEY DATES

Christmas Holidays

Holiday Starts:

Thursday 18th December 2025

Back to College:

Students return Monday 5th January 2026

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 CV's and interviews.

Work Placements:

Students with current work placements continue to flourish and seven other students have begun placements at Active Fusion, a painting and decorating firm and Legacy Sport.



TEACHING AND LEARNING

This half term students have continued to be taught all core subjects as well as studying our new course, Equality and Diversity. In Maths, Year 9 have been looking at Bidmass, Year 10 are looking at percentages and Year 11 have been completing mocks and practice papers.

During Science, Year 9 have studied cells and Chromosomes and have partaken in practicals on how science works. Year 10 have studied Protons, Cells, Acids and Bases. Our Year 11's have been learning about Electricity and Hydrocarbons.

In English, Year 9 and 10 have been studying A Christmas Carol and An Inspector Calls and Year 11 have looked at English Language Paper 2.

In the afternoons students have worked on British Politics, Prejudice and Discrimination. Students have also explored Inclusivity and Diversity.

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.