

At Vega College, July has been another exciting and productive month, with students continuing to make excellent progress both academically and personally.

Students recently enjoyed an inspiring visit from the Royal Navy, which was delivered by an inspirational officer. The visit was informative and inspired our students to aim high, further developing key employability skills such as teamwork, communication, confidence, and career awareness while giving them a valuable insight into specialist the armed forces.

Our students were also visited by Nurses and support workers from Zone 5-19 who delivered an incredible session about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. This session also tied into the PSHE lessons staff have recently been delivering around this subject. The visit supported students in making positive choices and avoiding negative influences in their future.

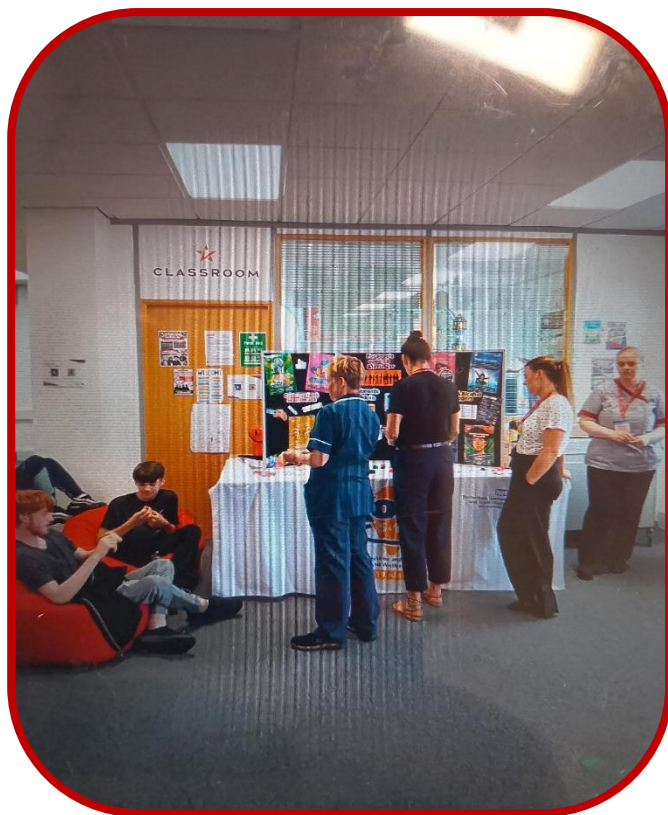
We have recently focused on mental health and students have shown great maturity and insight during discussions, exploring ways to support their own wellbeing and sharing positive coping strategies with one another. This learning was further enhanced by a visit from the School Nursing Team, who provided valuable information and guidance on maintaining good mental health and accessing support when needed.

We are incredibly proud of the effort, determination, and achievements shown by all our students this month and throughout the whole academic year, well done all!

I would particularly like to congratulate the students who have successfully achieved their first NCFE qualification in Equality and Diversity, they should be extremely proud of all the hard work they have put in!

As we approach the Summer break, we wish all students and staff a well-deserved rest and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

**Head of College – Miss G Galloway**



## KEY DATES

**End of Term**

**Last day of term:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July  
**Students return:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

## 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

### Employability:

This month, we were pleased to welcome visitors from the Department for Work and Pensions into college.

Students participated in sessions focused on careers, employability, finances, and preparing for adulthood. We also welcomed visitors from Zone 5-19 and the Royal Navy which gave students an incredible insight into working for the Health Service and the Armed forces.

### Work Placements:

We are delighted to announce that four students have successfully completed work placements with Doncaster Rovers. The six-week placements provided valuable hands-on experience within a professional sporting environment and allowed students to further develop their workplace skills and confidence.

## TEACHING AND LEARNING

Across the curriculum, students have continued to work hard across the board.

In Maths, students have been studying averages and Fractions, while also practising past papers and revision techniques to strengthen their exam confidence.

In English, students have been studying Blood Brothers alongside transactional writing and revising through past paper practice. Students have also been exploring themes and characters in An Inspector Calls.

In Science, students have been completing revision exercises across Biology, Chemistry, and Physics to consolidate their knowledge from the past year.

In Equality and Diversity lessons, students have been exploring diverse communities, mental health and bereavement and prejudice. These sessions have encouraged thoughtful conversations around inclusion, self-harm and equality.