

## Appreciation!

As we near the close of our first half term this academic year, I would like to say a massive thank you to all our dedicated staff who have worked really hard to ensure our students had a welcoming new building to attend in September. I would also like to thank students and parents for being very patient as we have organised and decorated different areas. We will be holding a Christmas meet and greet in December where parents and schools can attend Vega to have a look round, see some of our excellent work and we might even have some mince pies! Keep a look out for the dates!

This term we have said goodbye to one of our Learning Mentors, Mr Hepworth, who has moved on to be a teacher of PE. I am sure you will join me in wishing him luck for the future.

We have also welcomed a new Teaching Assistant to the team, Mrs Taylor, who has had a positive impact on our students already!

**Emma Wragg (Head of College)**



## KEY DATES

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Break up for half-term

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – College re-opens

December – 'Meet and greet' event will take place in the college – dates to follow!



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Break up for Christmas

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – College re-opens.



## #TEAMVEGA

- We have kicked off the year with all core subjects being taught through two engaging topics.
- Once students have researched the topic, the work they produce earns them accreditation with an AQA credit.
- Students have all chosen a personal project to study in the afternoon from the exam boards that we currently use – ASDAN and AQA credits. We have students studying Construction, Hair and Beauty, Animal Care and Health and Social Care.
- Students are now accessing SMSC and British Values throughout the curriculum and are currently learning about Diwali.
- And of course, we have moved into our new building and it is developing well.



## 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:

The focus for our students this term is the skill of Speaking. Students present all their topic work at the end of the term and are awarded a grade in accordance with the GCSE English Spoken Language mark scheme. In addition to this this, students take part in various interactive activities such as art and craft which promote their oracy skills.

### Work Placements:

We have two of our students working with Active Travel Hub. They are helping to fix and maintain bikes and are really enjoying the role. We also have students working in construction, glass and with Active Fusion.



## TEACHING AND LEARNING

The curriculum is designed with a hook of a history topic and this goes in chronological order. The text that students read for English Language are from an exam board and are all linked to a historical topic. Year 10 focus is currently Castles with year 11 on World War One. Maths work starts with a link to the topic so that students can see how maths is linked to the real world, they then go on to follow the maths GCSE course. English Literature lessons look at texts and poems that were written at the time of the topic. We investigate Science by researching discoveries that were made during the time period of the topic. Our practical activities have included building castles and trenches.



## Meet the Team:

In each newsletter we will introduce a member of the Team, this time we meet Clare Taylor who is the Education Lead at Vega College. Clare is passionate about supporting students on their chosen learning journeys and achieving their full potential. Clare has enjoyed networking with the schools across Doncaster.