

End of Term!

I cannot believe that the Autumn term is over already. Our students and staff have worked so hard in all areas this term, it has been such a pleasure to see all the students flourish in their chosen areas. We even got to meet the King!

We are really looking forward to ending the term with the students having the opportunity to showcase their work to parents, schools and the Trust at our 'Christmas Meet and Greet.' They really should be so proud of everything they have achieved.

None of this could have been achieved without the great team of staff we have at Vega. I am grateful for the staff's passion and commitment to the college and the students.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year.



Emma Wragg (Head of College)



KEY DATES

Friday 16th December – Break up for Christmas

Wednesday 4th January – College re-opens.



Friday 10th February – Break up for Half Term

Monday 20th February – College re-opens.



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- Our new building is really coming together and the students (and staff) have settled in nicely.
- We have sent out all the AQA and ASDAN certificates that have arrived for our last year's year 11.
- Our current students are working hard on achieving their AQA and ASDAN credits.
- Vega College now has a designated 'rabbit zone'. Students can handle the rabbits and experience their calming nature. They take on the responsibility of ensuring the rabbits are always cared for and safe.
- We have taken part in both Trust and Local Authority reviews this term to ensure we are providing the best offer that we can for our students.
- Our admin assistant, Rachael Wilcock is going to work in the Trust Office. We will miss her and wish her the best of luck in her new role!

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 continue to work closely with families to improve attendance rates. Please check individual student attendance with the mainstream school and our admin assistant at Vega.

| Attendance Ladder | | |
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| 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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Skills Builder:

The focus for our students this term is the skill of Speaking. Students are set an individual speaking target to help them build their communication skills. In addition to this, students take part in various interactive activities such as art and crafts and team building activities to improve their verbal and non-verbal skills.

Work Placements:

A very successful half term with students working hard in their work placements. We have currently 11 different employers supporting our students within a range of fields such as construction, glass and carpet fitting, education and hair and beauty. Students are receiving positive feedback from their placements with some receiving gifts of appreciation for their hard work.



TEACHING AND LEARNING

This half term the Year 10 topic is the Tudors and Year 11 the Spanish Civil War. Students have completed an independent research project on Henry VIII and Thomas Cromwell and Year 11 Spanish culture. This has earned them an AQA Credit. Students have been introduced to poetry that was written during the time period of their topic. They have compared poems for similarities and differences. The scientific discoveries from the time periods studied include the work of Sir Isaac Newton and Alexander Fleming. All GCSE core subjects are linked to the topic. We have recently introduced PSHE to the curriculum and have so far looked at emotions and how to stay mentally, physically, and socially healthy.



Meet the Team:

In each newsletter we will introduce a member of the Team, this time we meet Lesley-Ann Taylor who is the Teaching Assistant at Vega College. Lesley-Ann is passionate about supporting students to achieve their full potential. Lesley-Ann worked alongside us last year but was so inspired by what she saw our students achieving last year, that she joined our team from September!