



Vega College Newsletter

February 2023

Progression!

As we look forward going into Spring Term, we have had a busy start so far to the year. We have been a part of two OFSTED's this term which went very well.

One of our students has been accepted at John Leggott College and another at Doncaster College, both subject to grades being achieved.

I had the fantastic opportunity to go and see one of our past students graduate from their Apprenticeship with Doncaster Racing College. She made such a good impression that she started a placement at Cheltenham Racing Stables the following week. So proud of you Megan!

We welcomed our new admin assistant, Miss Bubb, to Vega who joined us this term and has hit it off well with students and staff. I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our dedicated staff who have worked hard to ensure our students have had a great start to 2023.



Emma Wragg (Head of College)

KEY DATES

Spring Term

Holiday Starts:

Monday 13th February 2023

Back to School:

Monday 20th February 2023

Easter

Holiday Starts:

Monday 3rd April 2023

Back to School:

Mon 17th April 2023



#TEAMVEGA

- We got off to a great start for 2023 with all core subjects being taught.
- Our students continue to enjoy their afternoon project work where they study a subject of their choice leading to accreditation.
- New students are really enjoying their art and tattoo projects.
- We continue to build our students employability skills with a specific focus on speaking.
- We have facilitated opportunities to work on this skill with a visit from Reptile Rendezvous.
- Students went on a trip to 'Mind' in the city centre where they looked at the opportunities for socialising in Doncaster city centre.



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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Skills Builder:

This half term we have introduced Personal Development sessions and our first focus has been financial management. Students have enjoyed learning about different bank accounts, debt management, the UK tax system and renting and buying property. All students have earned a Short Course ASDAN Certificate in Personal Finance.

Work Placements:

We have two of our students starting work placements after half term with Refurnish, they will be helping to fix and restore old furniture giving it a new lease of life.

We also have a student starting at a guinea pig sanctuary and another student hopefully starting on a farm.



TEACHING AND LEARNING

This half terms topics are based on the work of Dorothy and William Wordsworth for year 10 and World War Two for year 11. We have studied diaries and journals from both time periods along with poetry, scientific discoveries and maths linked to the outdoors and war. Last week we researched and took part in class discussion to mark Holocaust Memorial Day in the morning followed by a trip to Danum Gallery to look at their tribute and war displays.

This week we will be visiting South Yorkshire Air Museum to look at what planes were used during war time. This links into our topic but specifically to a poem we are analysing called Kamikaze by Beatrice Garland, which is about a Japanese soldier from World War Two.



Meet the Team:

In each newsletter we will introduce a member of the Team, this time we meet Miss Bubba who has just been appointed as Admin Assistant at Vega College, during her career she has gained a wealth of admin experience and is excited about her new role here at Vega.