

Support!

As we head into Easter half term, we have had a busy and positive Spring Term.

Students in Year 11 are feeling optimistic and are being supported whilst preparing for their upcoming GCSE's.

A few of our students have now been accepted at Doncaster College, and one has a provisional offer from John Leggott College all subject to grades being achieved. We also have one student who is interviewing for Doncaster New College with the hopes of being accepted.

As we look forward to heading into summer, we will be here to support all our Year 11 students as best we can in achieving their full potential in the hopes of them all achieving their required grades.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our dedicated staff who have worked hard this term and supported all of our students.

Emma Wragg,
Head of College



KEY DATES

Easter

Holiday Starts:

Monday 3rd April 2023

Back to College:

Tuesday 18th April 2023

May Bank Holiday's

Monday 1st May 2023

Monday 8th May 2023

Summer Half Term

Holiday Starts:

Monday 29th May 2023

Back to College:

Mon 5th June 2023



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- All core subjects are still being taught.
- Our students continue to enjoy their afternoon project work where they study a subject of their choice leading to accreditation.
- 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 Dinostar.
- Students went on a trip to the Aircraft Museum and to Potteric Carr.
- 90% of our students have achieved an ASDAN in the PSHE careers short course.
- Students have achieved a work experience certificate through ASDAN by completing a diary of their working hours.



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:

After the success of our trips to the Aircraft Museum and Potteric Carr, we have arranged to visit Doncaster Wool Market. These excursions offer a great opportunity for us to practise our speaking skills in line with our Skills Builder targets.

Work Placements:

One year 10 student is doing extremely well at Refurnish. We have one Year 10 student who has started a placement this term in the construction industry, working on a site that is building bespoke houses. We have also had numerous students visit Edlington Hill top Centre with a few students starting work placements there in various roles after Easter.



TEACHING AND LEARNING

This half term our year 11's have been studying the modern world and exploration and year 10 have been studying fossils. All their GCSE core subject work is linked to these themes. After learning about the life of Mary Anning, our students attended a fossils workshop with Hull Museum. Dinostar brought in real life fossils for the students to handle and dig for. We also created our own fossils and fossil designs.

In addition to research and trips we have commemorated Holocaust Memorial Day with a particular focus on those that risked their own lives to save the lives of others for example Oscar Schindler and Nicholas Winton.

This term we have also discussed International Woman's Day by looking at the impact famous women past and present have on the world.



Meet the Team:

In each newsletter we will introduce a member of the Team, this time we meet Mrs Taylor who is our Learning Support Assistant at Vega College, Mrs Taylor is one of our mental health first aiders and is passionate about supporting the students here. Mrs Taylor is committed to her own Professional Development and is currently undertaking a course that supports our students with Maths and English.